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**TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

*Department of Community Development
9 Court Street, Bristol, Rhode Island*

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 @ 5:00pm

MARCH 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Tony Morettini

Ray Payson

Lindsay Green

Craig Fisher

Glenn Donovan

Lee Ann Freitas

Jay Maciel

Staff Present:

Ed Tanner

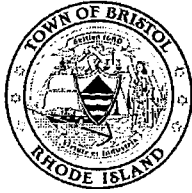
The video teleconference meeting was called to order by Chairman Morettini at 5:02 pm.

1. Minutes: A motion to approve the February minutes was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Donovan. Vote: 7-0.
2. Open Space: Mr. Morettini reported that the tree structures at the Perry-Tavares Farm were taken down and a table was removed by the DPW. Mr. Morettini said that trail maintenance will be done at the Children's Grove by a Boy Scout, Liam Hartnett, as part of his Eagle Project.
3. Tree Program: Mr. Morettini announced that Bristol has received the Tree City USA designation again, marking the Town's 20th year in the program.
4. Food Waste/Composting Initiative: Mr. Morettini said that Town Administrator Contente will be in contact with DPW Director Parella to further the effort of placing a compost drop off hub spot on Minturn Farm Road.
5. Fertilizer Initiative: Mr. Morettini said that several organizations, including Save the Bay, Save Bristol Harbor, and the Conservation Commission, will work together to define what a fertilizer program in Bristol would look like, including the identification of major points to convey in an awareness campaign. Mr. Morettini said Professor Loren Byrne will have his Roger Williams University students research and report on fertilizer programs in other municipalities.
6. Pollinator Program: Ms. Freitas said she will order plants for the pollinator garden at the Perry Farm and will coordinate with DaPont's Landscaping Services for the preparation of the planting beds. Ms. Freitas said that community engagement and a call for volunteers needs to be undertaken for the actual planting that will take place in early June.
7. Tanyard Reservoir Project: Mr. Tanner provided an overview of the flood prevention and mitigation project at the Tanyard Reservoir on State Street that is being funded by a RIDEM Bay & Watershed Restoration Fund grant. The purpose of the project is to clean up sediments that have accumulated there and to construct a new stormwater basin that will increase runoff storage capacity and catch any sediments and pollutants. A habitat component is also

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included in the project, where invasive species will be removed and new trees and shrubs will be planted. A motion was made by Mr. Morettini to send a letter of recommendation to the RIDEM with the Conservation Commission's approval and support of the project. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green and was unanimously passed with a vote of 7-0.

8. The next Conservation Commission meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 5:30 pm.
9. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Freitas, seconded by Mr. Donovan, and the meeting ended at 5:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Maciel", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jay Maciel