



*TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION*

*Department of Community Development
235 High Street, Bristol, Rhode Island*

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.

JANUARY 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

*Tony Morettini
Ray Payson
Lindsay Green
Craig Fisher
Glenn Donovan
Lee Ann Freitas
Jay Maciel*

Staff Present:

Ed Tanner

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morettini at 5:31 p.m.

1. Minutes: A motion to approve the December minutes was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Ms. Freitas. Vote: 7-0.
2. Tree Program: Mr. Morettini said that a report from the Green Infrastructure Center (GIC) for the tree study they are doing for the Town should be out the beginning of next month.
3. DEM Notice for Gooding Avenue Hotel: Mr. Morettini said he sent a letter to the RI DEM on behalf of the Conservation Commission indicating that we cannot support the wetlands alteration permit application currently under their consideration. Mr. Morettini also shared a letter from Save The Bay to RI DEM in opposition to the application. Mr. Payson then passed out a copy of a letter from the Bristol Land Conservation Trust to RI DEM, also in opposition to the wetlands alteration permit application.
4. Around the Room: Mr. Maciel announced that there will be a Keep Bristol Clean town wide cleanup again this year, and suggested Saturday, April 27 as the date to do this, citing that Earth Day and Arbor Day occur the same week, to which all were in favor. Mr. Payson passed out a recent Providence Journal article entitled "Unwanted Visitors, DEM working to check rise of invasive winter moth in RI forests". Mr. Donovan reported that the statewide plastic bag ban went into effect on January 1, 2024. Ms. Green reported that the non-profit organization Clean Ocean Access had been dissolved. Mr. Maciel and Mr. Morettini noted that Topher Hamblett was recently appointed Executive Director Save The Bay.
5. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
6. Ms. Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Fisher, and the meeting ended at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Maciel