



*TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION*

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

Thursday, October 13, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

*Ray Payson
Craig Fisher
Glenn Donovan
Jay Maciel*

Staff Present:

Ed Tanner

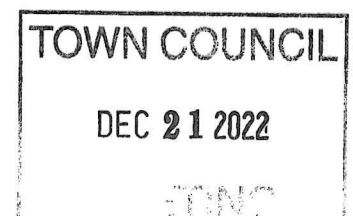
Members Absent:

*Tony Morettini
Lindsay Green
Lee Ann Freitas*

The meeting was called to order by Vice-chairman Payson at 5:04 p.m.

1. Minutes: A motion to approve the September minutes was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Donovan. Vote: 4-0.
2. Open Space: Mr. Tanner reported that he and Mr. Morettini led a well-attended nature walk for the organization Thrive Outside, held at the Perry-Tavares Farm on Sunday, October 2. Prior to that, on September 20, Mr. Payson, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Tanner, and Mr. Maciel spent several hours there making sure all of the paths were clear. Mr. Tanner then said that the Perry-Tavares Farm parking lot on Metacom Avenue at the Kanen Way Condominiums will be closed, and that the box for trail maps will be moved to the Elmwood Drive entrance. A new entrance with parking will be located at San Francisco Street, but the trail head needs some work. Mr. Donovan asked if this trail work could be done by an Eagle Scout project to which Mr. Tanner replied that it could be a potential project. Mr. Tanner then stated that the ELJ property acquisition in that area is in the works.
3. Tree Program: Mr. Tanner reported that 28 trees have been ordered from Morningstar Nurseries in West Kingston for the fall tree planting cycle. He and the Town's Tree Warden, Steve Saracino, will be meeting next week to scout out and assign locations for the trees. Gator bags will be used to water the trees, and they will be filled by the Water Pollution Control Department. Mr. Fisher provided an overview of a draft for the Tree Hazards – Request for Pruning and Removal section of the proposed Tree Management Plan, and the strategic approach to addressing tree removal.
4. Pollinator Garden Initiative: Mr. Tanner reported that Ms. Freitas will hold a pollinator garden grant fulfillment workshop at the Guiteras Discovery Garden on Sunday, October 23, focusing on garden techniques to help pollinators over the winter. Mr. Tanner also reported that the pollinator garden on Metacom Avenue was replanted by DaPonte's Landscaping yesterday under the guidance of Ms. Freitas.

continued





*TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION*

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

Thursday, October 13, 2022 @ 5:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 2022 MEETING MINUTES, continued

5. Announcements/Around the Room: Mr. Payson passed out an article entitled "Taking a hike? Remember it's deer tick season" which focused on the blacklegged tick as a carrier of Lyme disease. Mr. Maciel reviewed a recently enacted state law, Title 45, Chapter 36.1, entitled Municipal Public Trust Dedication, that allows cities and towns to dedicate parks and conservation lands as public trust land, ensuring that those lands are perpetually protected. The law is designed to protect lands that were originally obtained for conservation purposes from being converted or developed to a use other than recreation or open space land. To achieve this, a resolution would need to be approved declaring those lands as public trust lands, which would then be recorded in land evidence records.
6. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 1, 2022.
7. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Payson, seconded by Mr. Donovan, and the meeting ended at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jay Maciel".

Jay Maciel