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**TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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

Monday, November 21, 2022 @ 5:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

*Ray Payson
Lindsay Green
Craig Fisher
Glenn Donovan
Jay Maciel*

Staff Present:

Ed Tanner

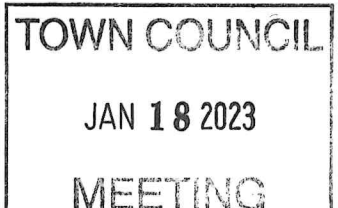
Members Absent:

*Tony Morettini
Lee Ann Freitas*

The meeting was called to order by Vice-chairman Payson at 5:35 p.m.

1. Minutes: A motion to approve the October minutes was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Donovan. Vote: 5-0.
2. Open Space: Mr. Tanner reported that the Town recently purchased a 6.4-acre parcel of open space land at Metacom and Gooding Avenues. Mr. Payson said that trail clearing needs to be done at the end of San Francisco Street and it was decided that volunteers should meet there on Friday, December 9 at 10:00 a.m. to clear the paths there. Ms. Green said she will modify the trail map to reflect all of the changes to the trail system at the Perry-Tavares Farm.
3. Tree Program: Mr. Tanner reported that 28 trees have been delivered to the Quinta-Gamelin Community Center for the fall planting cycle. Locations have been marked for the first ten trees and Dig Safe has been notified. Mr. Tanner also reported that a new Colorado blue spruce tree has been planted in front of the Burnside Memorial Building. Mr. Fisher presented a draft copy of the proposed Tree Management Plan, calling attention to the section that addresses tree removal. It was requested that all Commission members review the document so as to discuss any comments in the next Conservation Commission meeting.
4. Pollinator Garden Initiative: Mr. Payson reported that Ms. Freitas held a Pollinator Garden Day event at Guiteras School on October 23, and that he and Mr. Tanner were in attendance. Mr. Fisher commented that the replanted pollinator garden on Metacom Avenue looks great.
5. Commission Reappointments: Mr. Payson said that three Commission members, he, Mr. Fisher, Ms. Green are up for reappointment in December and that paperwork needs to be submitted to the Town Clerk in order to be considered by the Town Council for reappointment.

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6. Announcements/Around the Room: Ms. Green called attention to a new Significant Tree program in Warren, administered by their Tree Commission, that looks to protect important trees on private property. Ms. Green asked about the new Municipal Public Trust Dedication law that was discussed in the last meeting. Mr. Maciel explained that the law allows cities and towns to dedicate parks and conservation lands as public trust land to ensure that those lands are perpetually protected. Mr. Maciel went on to say that the Town of Narragansett recently protected 40 parcels of open space with a total of 135 acres through this process. Ms. Green said she attended an informative Pollinator Habitat Workshop on October 6 at URI. Mr. Payson highlighted a concern recently expressed in the COP27 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference about the loss of tropical rain forests, and the corresponding decrease in CO2 absorption, that is a great contributing factor to climate change.
7. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
8. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Ms. Green, and the meeting ended at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Jay Maciel