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Town of Bristol
Nathan T. Calouro, Town Council president
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Dear Nathan:

I'm writing to ask you to encourage members of your Conservation Commission or your Tree Warden or other appointed officials in natural resources conservation or land preservation to attend the **Land and Water Conservation Summit** starting **Thursday, July 14th** and going thru **Saturday, July 16th** at the University of Rhode Island.

I particularly ask that you recommend that the commissioners and others associated with conservation in Bristol join us on **Thursday, July 14th** for a special meeting with members from the Rhode Island Association of Conservation Commissions.

We will present information on strengthening the state's conservation commissions to take advantage of federal dollars that have come or will come into each and every municipality in the State of Rhode Island.

A stronger municipal conservation commission or natural resources or sustainability organization could mean the difference in where water protection funds are allocated, or where and who receives funding for ground or roof-top mounted solar arrays or how best to satisfy the biodiversity reporting and requirements for legacy infrastructure projects, or locating electric vehicle charging stations, or reporting on environmental or social justice issues, as examples.

The cost for the three day summit is \$65. Many municipalities have offered to reimburse conservation commissioners and others who register and attend the summit. I'm asking you to do the same.

I believe that there is no time to waste in making our municipalities work better for the environment. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. With the money that is coming into Rhode Island, this is good time to act.

I hope you feel the same.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know. My contact information is listed above.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Roselli
President

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