



*TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION*

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

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 @ 5:30 p.m.

MAY 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

*Tony Morettini, Chairman
Ray Payson, Vice Chairman
Lee Ann Freitas
Jay Maciel*

Staff Present:

Ed Tanner

Members Absent:

*Lindsay Green
Craig Fisher
Glenn Donovan*

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morettini at 5:36 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the April minutes was made by Mr. Maciel and seconded by Ms. Freitas. Vote: 4-0.
2. Open Space: Mr. Tanner announced that the Town of Bristol closed on the purchase of 120 acres of Brown University property last week, which is being called the Mount Hope Community Forest. The purchase price of \$1.7M was paid for in part with grants, of which \$800,000 was received from RI Department of Environmental Management (DEM), and \$560,000 from the US Forest Service. Mr. Tanner said that the Town has to prepare a management plan for the property and will be seeking input from the public. Mr. Tanner also said that DEM announced another round of open space grants this week. Mr. Tanner reported that large engraved rocks have been placed at various protected agricultural properties around Bristol, including Fales Farm, Stoney Hedge Farm, Old Orchard Farm, Pagano Farm, and Fish Hawk Farm, showing that the properties have been conserved.
3. Tree Program: Mr. Tanner said that 30 ornamental trees will be planted soon in the Ferry Road median across from Roger Williams University. Mr. Tanner mentioned that, for Arbor Day, an October Glory red maple tree will be planted at Veterans Park with the help of the Little League at a date to be announced. Mr. Tanner also said that a bid has been awarded for the 91 trees to be planted in the Annawamscutt / Sowams watershed area which will be divided into two batches. Lastly, Mr. Tanner said that 50 trees were recently given away to Bristol residents by the Green Infrastructure Center (GIC).
4. Clean Up Day: Mr. Maciel provided a recap of the 36th Annual Keep Bristol Clean Town-wide cleanup. On Saturday, April 19, 117 volunteers picked up 1,380 pounds of trash at 16 different locations in Town. Overall, it was a very successful event.
5. Pollinator Garden: Ms. Freitas expressed the need to perform maintenance at the pollinator garden at the Perry-Tavares Farm on Metacom Avenue. It was decided that the Commissioners would meet and do this maintenance on Tuesday, June 3 at 5:30 p.m.
6. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:27 p.m. by Mr. Payson and seconded by Mr. Maciel. Vote 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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