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**TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.

MARCH 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

*Tony Morettini
Ray Payson
Lindsay Green
Craig Fisher
Jay Maciel*

Staff Present:

Ed Tanner

Members Absent:

*Lee Ann Freitas
Glenn Donovan*

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morettini at 5:33 p.m.

1. Minutes: A motion to approve the February minutes was made by Mr. Payson and seconded by Mr. Fisher. Vote: 5-0.
2. Open Space: Mr. Morettini said that trail blazes need to be repainted for the trails at the Perry-Tavares Farm, and new blazes need to be painted for the newly established trail at San Francisco Street. Mr. Tanner reported that trail signs ordered for the end of San Francisco Street are in.
3. Tree Program: In attendance at the meeting was Mr. Steve Saracino, Town of Bristol Tree Warden, who provided an overview of the process for tree requests received by the Town. Mr. Saracino also reviewed RI Energy's procedure for tree pruning, and the Bristol DPW's increasing role in fulfilling tree maintenance requests. Mr. Saracino also commented on the tree planting that the DPW has taken on for the past three years, which was going well. Mr. Morettini presented Mr. Saracino with a draft copy of the new Policy for Resident Requests for Pruning and Removal, and asked him to review and comment. Mr. Morettini also asked that if Commission members had any changes to the document, they be forwarded to him.
4. Around the Room: Mr. Payson announced that the RI Land and Water Conservation Mini Summit will take place at URI on April 8, 2023. Ms. Green announced that the 2023 Compost Conference and Trade Show will take place at RI College tomorrow, March 8, 2023. Mr. Payson announced that The Roswell S. Bosworth, Jr. Lecture Series will present ornithologist Dr. Charles Clarkson of the Audubon Society of R.I. on March 9, 2023 at Rogers Free Library. Mr. Payson also announced that the Bristol Land Conservation Trust will hold an early spring tree walk on the Bristol Town Common with host Bill Chittick on March 25, 2023.
5. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
6. The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Maciel

