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**TOWN OF BRISTOL  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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

*Tuesday, February 7, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.*

**FEBRUARY 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

*Members Present:*

*Tony Morettini  
Lindsay Green  
Glenn Donovan  
Lee Ann Freitas  
Jay Maciel*

*Staff Present:*

*Ed Tanner*

*Members Absent:*

*Ray Payson  
Craig Fisher*

*The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morettini at 5:34 p.m.*

1. Minutes: A motion to approve the January minutes was made by Mr. Donovan and seconded by Ms. Green. Vote: 5-0.
2. Open Space: Mr. Tanner said that trail parking and trail access signs will be installed at San Francisco Street. Mr. Tanner also reported that RI Energy mowed the right of way at the Perry-Tavares Farm, including some invasives that existed there. Discussion ensued about the possibility of seeding pollinator plants there.
3. Tree Program: Mr. Tanner reported that all trees for the current planting cycle have been planted. Mr. Tanner also said that a list of the trees planted and their locations would be forthcoming. There was some discussion about the recent tree pruning by RI Energy in Town within the public utility aerial easement. There was also some discussion about plans for the area where several linden trees were removed by RI DOT from Ferry Road, across from Roger Williams University. Mr. Tanner reported that new, smaller trees will be planted in that traffic island. It was suggested that the Commission invite the Tree Warden to a future meeting to discuss tree policy.
4. Pollinator Garden Initiative: Ms. Freitas said a sign needs to be done for the pollinator garden. Ms. Freitas also offered to do an ArcGIS StoryMap for the pollinator garden.
5. Around the Room: Ms. Green reported that application process for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant for commercial food waste diversion, or composting, has been transferred to the Water Pollution Control department. Ms. Green announced that John Campanini of the RI Tree Council will have a presentation on the Wonder of Trees at the Barrington Public Library on May 11.
6. The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
7. The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

  
*Jay Maciel*

