



TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Department of Community Development
Court Street, Bristol, Rhode Island

Monday, February 1, 2016 @ 5:30pm

February 2016⁶ MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Raymond Payson
Alison Ring
Anthony Morettini, Chair
Lindsay Green
Craig Fisher
Raul Abreu

5:30pm Chairman Morettini called meeting to order.

1. Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Mr. Payson, seconded by Mr. Fisher. Vote: 7-0.
 2. Perry Farm: Mr. Morettini showed the Commission the sign for Perry Farm to be installed. Ms. Ring recommended that the town complete a master plan for area and map. Mr. Payson suggested that we partner with the Audubon for assistance with boardwalk. Other needs identified for the property are boundary signage recommended by Mr. Morettini.
 3. Open Space Applications: Mr. Morettini said there have been no open space applications but town is in conversation with property owner near Perry Farm.
 4. America the Beautiful Grant: Reimbursement has come in but Mr. Payson has not heard on grant awards yet. Mr. Payson suggested we request \$15,000 from Town Budget for tree planting per year. That is the amount that had been allocated in previous budget years. Grant award amounts have also declined in recent years adding to the overall decline in tree planting investment.
 5. Public Comment: Emily Spinard, 35 Dartmouth, discussed existing flooding issues in her neighborhood (Dixon, Dartmouth) and expressed her concern regarding the wetlands alteration permit for the proposed hotel development.
 6. Land and Water Summit: Mr. Morettini announced the deadline to register for the Land and Water Summit is March 4th.
 7. The Conservation Commission determined by consensus not to provide funding for Eastern RI Conservation district at this time. A request by letter for a donation had been sent to the Chair.
 8. Mr. Morettini also announced that the Conservation Commission's 2016 meeting schedule has been posted to the Secretary of State's website.
 9. Ms. Green forwarded article from Nantucket regarding the impacts of over fertilization and rock salt. The BCC discussed options to provide public education and other steps the Town can take to tackle this issues including Mr. Morettini writing a letter to the editor, preparing a tax bill insert on tips, best practices on fertilization. Ms. Ring will look into regulations – ie Charlestown is exploring controlling use of fertilizing. Ms. Green also showed BCC members Nantucket Land Council material on the issue.
 10. Chris Fletcher would be interested in helping with Tree Inventory project in Spring.
- Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Payson, Ms. Green seconded at 6:52 pm.*

Respectfully Submitted:



Alison Ring