



TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Department of Community Development
Court Street, Bristol, Rhode Island

Monday, March 7, 2016 @ 5:30pm

March 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Ed Tanner

Members Absent:

Raul Abreu

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morettini at 5:30 pm.

1. Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Payson. Vote: 5-0.
2. Perry Farm – Opening Day: Date and time proposed is Friday, Earth Day, April 22nd at Noon. Advertise in calendar of events in newspaper. Mr. Fisher recommended we send invitations to RWU, Audubon, Town Council and others.
3. Open Space Application: Reviewed application proposing the purchase of development rights for 15 acres including crop and deciduous forests. Owner would like to continue farming property. BCC will schedule a site visit.
4. RIDEM / America the Beautiful: \$3,200 reimbursement received from 2014-2015 grant cycle. Mr. Tanner received official grant award letter in the amount of \$1,145 for 2016. Mr. Tanner discussed correspondence with TeeJay Boudreau, RIDEM, regarding reasons for the decreased grant award amount including increased applications.
5. Tree Planting: Discussion regarding a Spring Tree Planting and preparations.
6. Proposed Hotel Development: Emily Spinard, 35 Dartmouth, was in attendance to see if there were any updates regarding proposed hotel development. BCC expressed interest in getting referral on this proposed development from the Planning Board.
7. Tree Inventory: BCC received invitation through Mr. Fisher from Steven White, Dean of Architecture at Roger Williams University to attend upcoming event on climate change with Senator Whitehouse and launch of RWU Conservation Corps. Mr. Fisher is working with RWU on coordinating next steps on beta testing on tree inventory project.
8. Land and Water Summit: At least 3 BCC members plan to attend conference.
9. Mr. Payson announced that on Tuesday, March 22nd, a goose oil eggs workshop will be held at Quinta-Gamelin Community Center.
10. Ms. Green showed article on nitrogen levels in Bristol Phoenix. Ms. Ring gave update on Charlestown efforts related to controlling the use of fertilizer.

Motion to adjourn Mr. Payson at 7:18pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Alison Ring