

Monday, May 2, 2016 @ 5:30 pm

May 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Anthony Morettini, Chair
Ray Payson
Raul Abreu
Lindsay Green
Craig Fisher
Jay Maciel

Staff Present:

Ed Tanner

Members Absent:

Alison Ring

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

1. Minutes: Motion to approve April meeting minutes by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Abreu. Vote: 5-0.
2. Perry Farm – There will be no grand opening at the Elmwood Drive entrance. The sign is to go up, with only a soft opening taking place. A separate opening will be planned for the Metacom Avenue entrance.
3. Klein Property, Old Orchard Farm Road – The owner is interested in selling the development rights. Property was visited and scored using the ranking point system and was determined to be recommended. An engineer's report is before the NRCS.
4. Oak Avenue Property – Mr. Tanner and Mr. Morettini visited the property owned by Mr. Capobianco. Further discussions with the landowner will take place.
5. Spring Tree Planting – Mr. Payson will continue to lead the spring tree planting program and will meet with Mr. Kinder to complete site locations.
6. Tree Inventory Update by Mr. Fisher – Project will be coordinated with Stephen Wright, Dean, Roger Williams University School of Architecture and with Tee Jay Boudreau from DEM. Students will start mid-May and continue throughout the summer. They will start with priority areas, e.g., the historic district. Details in the inventory may include: species, age, characteristics, GPS coordinates, susceptibility to insects. A tree inventory phone app was also discussed.
7. Sidewalk Buttlers – Mr. Tanner announced there was funding available to purchase 10 buttlers at \$89.00 each. There may be cooperation from Save Bristol Harbor for emptying, etc..
8. RWU Aquaculture Lease meeting will take place May 18 at 3:00 pm in the Burnside Building. RWU wants to lease space in Mt. Hope Bay for aquaculture programs, and will require a CRMC application.
9. A CRMC application for a dock in Mt. Hope Bay was discussed. It was noted that CRMC guidelines must be adhered to.
10. Paul Roselli, on behalf of the RI Association of Conservation Commissions and the Burrillville Land Trust requested that the BCC oppose the proposed fracked gas-fired power plant planned for the Town of Burrillville. A motion to support the opposition with a letter was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Ms. Green. Vote: 5-0. Mr. Morettini will draft the letter.
11. No Bin/No Barrel recycling update by Town Councilor, Tim Sweeney. 555.77 tons were recycled from January through March 2016 for an overall 24.69% recycling rate. 26.47 tons more were recycled, representing an increase of 3.68% in the recycling rate, from the same period in 2015. The numbers are moving in the right direction towards meeting the 35% state mandate. Education and outreach were discussed as means for bettering the recycling rate. Six month comparison numbers from 2015 to 2016 are upcoming.

12. The RIACC networking event held at the Lobster Pot on April 28 was well attended.

13. Ms. Green will look into the offering of a tour of the Bristol Water Pollution Control Plant with Jose DaSilva.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Payson, seconded by Ms. Green at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jay Maciel