



*TOWN OF BRISTOL*  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

*Department of Community Development  
Court Street, Bristol, Rhode Island*

*Monday, June 6, 2016 @ 5:30pm*

**June 2016 MEETING MINUTES**

*Members Present:*

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

*Staff Present:*

Ed Tanner

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

1. Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Mr. Payson, seconded by Mr. Fisher. Vote: 6-0-1 (Ring abstaining).
2. Open Space - Perry/Tavares Farm: Mr. Tanner and Mr. Morettini did some trail clearing during a recent visit. Mr. Tanner said new sign at end of Elmwood Drive would be installed by DPW this week. Mr. Tanner had emailed a copy of the management plan he drafted for the open space holding for the BCC members to review. There were no suggested edits. The management plan will be submitted to RIDEM in a week in order to obtain reimbursement for the open space acquisition grant. Mr. Tanner will contact KC Ferrara from Roger Williams to schedule a volunteer event (trail clearing) with the students at beginning of school year.
3. Tree Planting: Mr. Payson provided an update and listing of location and species for Spring Tree Planting to be planted in the next week to ten days. Mr. Payson also noted that some of Bristol's tree inventory is suffering from winter moth damage.
4. Tree Inventory Project: Mr. Fisher has been in communication with Steven White, RWU. Student digital tree inventory mapping project is anticipated to begin in Fall 2016 semester.
5. "Buttlers": The town has purchased ten cigarette disposal containers ("buttlers") with the financial assistance of an anonymous contributor. An example of the "buttler" designed for Bristol was shown to the BCC. There was some discussion regarding identification of locations for the initial ten "buttlers."
6. Water Treatment Plant Tour: Ms. Green, Mr. Abreu, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Maciel attended the tour. Ms. Green provided a summary of the tour and shared what they learned including the challenge of managing and filtering oil, grease and flushable wipes. Ms. Ring suggested some public education may be helpful to overcome some of these challenges particularly the issue of "flushable" wipes. There are 95 miles of sewer lines in Bristol.
7. CRMC RWU Aquaculture Lease: Mr. Morettini provided a summary of the public meeting / prehearing on May 18<sup>th</sup> with CRMC and RWU regarding the expansion of their aquaculture lease to about 2 acres. RWU is proposing to sell the byproduct of their aquaculture education program commercially.
8. Open Space Bond: Ms. Green shared the email and responses she had received from state legislators requesting support of the State's Open Space Bond.
9. Summer Schedule: The next meeting will be held on July 11<sup>th</sup> and there will not be an August meeting.

*Motion to adjourn Mr. Payson, seconded by Mr. Abreu at 7:04pm.*

*Respectfully Submitted:*

*Alison Ring*