



TOWN OF BRISTOL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 @ 5:30pm

FEBRUARY 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Raul Abreu
Alison Ring
Lindsay Green
Craig Fisher
Jay Maciel
Ray Payson

Staff Present:

Ed Tanner

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

1. Minutes: Motion to approve January minutes by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Ms. Green. Vote: 6-0.
2. Perry –Tavares Farm: Mr. Tanner mentioned the sign dedication ceremony that was held on December 21st and reported that the map, prepared and revised by Ms. Green, has been mounted at two locations on the open space property. A suggestion was made to add the map to the Explore RI's blueways & greenways website (where Bristol's bluetrails maps are posted). There was discussion on a potential spring Boy Scout project to construct simple bridges/walkways.
3. Open Space Applications: Mr. Tanner stated that there are no new open space applications.
4. ATB Grant: Mr. Fisher reported that the Town received \$3,000 through the American the Beautiful Grant for Bristol's Tree Inventory/Mapping Initiative.
5. TD Bank Green Streets Grant: Mr. Tanner reported that the Town received the TD Green Streets Grant in the amount of \$20,000 for the Wood Street Neighborhood Project. Partner Mossaico Development Corporation will be organizing an event and \$10,000 will go towards the planting of new trees in the Wood Street neighborhood. Mr. Payson raised the issue/challenge of finding locations for the planting of street trees in that area. Mr. Tanner mentioned that the grant may be more flexible than the ATB grant in regards to the location of the plantings.
6. Town Administrator Reservoir Plan: There was some discussion around the history and condition of the State Street Reservoir behind DPW. Mr. Tanner said the Town Administrator Contente has asked that options be explored for improvements/cleanup and has asked Conservation Commission for input and assistance.
7. Trail Websites Presence: Mr. Morettini facilitated and circulated updated trail reviews of Perry-Tavares Open Space property that were posted online on local trail website.
8. Town Council Boards and Commission Meeting: Mr. Tanner mentioned that the Town Council plans to hold a meeting of local boards and commissions over the next couple of months. Date is TBD.
9. Budget: There was some discussion of the town budget related to the work of the Conservation Commission. \$12,000 has been requested for tree planting and there is a \$3,500 line item for Conservation projects.
10. Stormwater: The stormwater utility report has been completed and is on the town website. Mr. Tanner also mentioned that he has completed the town's Phase II Annual Reports and there will be a public hearing in a couple weeks.
11. Land & Water Conservation Summit: This year's conference will be held on March 11th. Mr. Tanner asked BCC members interested to register online.
12. Around the Room: Mr. Payson announced several upcoming events including a tree ID walk at Blithewold on March 11th and a Land Trust Tree Walk on March 4th from 10-12 with Matt "Twig" Larges.
13. The Next BCC Meeting will be held on March 14th at 5:30. Meeting adjourned at 7:05

Respectfully Submitted:

Alison Ring