



*TOWN OF BRISTOL*  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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

*Monday, March 20, 2017 @ 5:30pm*

**MARCH 2017 MEETING MINUTES**

*Members Present:*

Tony Morettini  
Raul Abreu  
Alison Ring  
Lindsay Green  
Craig Fisher  
Ray Payson

*Staff Present:*

Ed Tanner

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

1. Minutes: Motion to approve February minutes by Mr. Payson, seconded by Ms. Green. Vote: 6-0.
2. 100 Acre Wood: Discussion of potential name, 100 Acre Wood. Mr. Morettini showed potential revised trail route on map. The blue trail would end with a small loop. Once finalized and ready for public use (cleared and marked), Ms. Green will update the trail map. The Commission is working with Greg Marsilli, Scout Master, to coordinate Boy Scout projects in 100 Acre Wood including construction of a foot bridge and rubbish removal. Mr. Tanner will be walking through the site with a wetlands biologist for his recommendations on stream crossings.
3. TD Bank Green Streets Grant: The Wood Street Neighborhood Project Event will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am to 3pm at the Mosaico Parking Lot. The event will also serve as this year's Arbor Day Event. There was some discussion regarding what presence the Conservation Commission would have during the event and brainstorming of information that could be distributed.
4. Mr. Payson and Ms. Ring reported on the information they learned during their sessions at the Land & Water Summit at URI. Topics included invasive species, using drones for natural resource management, stormwater utilities, and saltmarsh migration.
5. Stormwater: Ms. Ring said she would distribute examples of stormwater outreach material and suggested putting together a handout for the Arbor Day / Wood Street event. Mr. Morettini suggested forming a stormwater subcommittee. Mr. Tanner recommended the Commission review the stormwater material on the Town's website.
6. Tree Planting: Mr. Payson said he had reviewed the Providence recommended tree species list that Mr. Tanner had provided and made some comments. Mr. Tanner said the Town received one bid for the Spring Tree Planting which came in higher than expected.
7. Other: Ms. Green announced that Newport has banned plastic bags and Ms. Ring said that New Shoreham is also considering ordinances to ban plastic bags, polystyrene and plastic water bottles.
8. The Next BCC Meeting will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Payson, seconded by Ms. Green. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

*Respectfully Submitted:*

*Alison Ring*