

East Providence Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2025
City Hall - Break Room

Members present: Wayne Barnes (Chair), Ernie Germani, Patrick Hanner, John Carney, Kelsey Queenan, Meg Robinson (Tree Commission liaison)

Public attendees: Kieran Ward, Ian Ward

- A. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm
- B. Adoptions of minutes: December 17, 2024 minutes approved with corrections.
- C. Public comment : None
- D. Planning Department update: P. Hanner reported the city received a grant for headstone restoration at Newman Cemetery in Rumford.
- E. Tree Commission report: M. Robinson shared copies of a 2025 Tree Commission calendar featuring trees of East Providence. Tree Commission seeking members for a Steering Commission.
- F. Correspondence: None
- G. New Business
 - 1. Grassy Plain Trail: Highway department used machinery to cut a new approximate one mile trail in the woods around the park. Maintenance will be needed to clean up smaller branches and leaves in the spring. Will reach out to Friends of Grassy Plain to see if they can assist.
 - 2. Vote on the commission board. Chairperson Wayne Barnes, nominated by E Germani, seconded by K. Queenan. Vice Chair Ernie Germani nominated by K. Queenan, seconded by W. Barnes. Secretary John Carney, nominated by E Germani, seconded by P. Hanner. Board voted and approved by membership.

H. Old Business

1. Follow up on 13 Harriet Court, Seekonk: Snow and ice conditions prohibited a site visit to examine if illegal dock and stairs were removed. Members will check when trail conditions improve.
2. Base plan map for parking area on West Ave. was shared.

I. Other Business: Discussion on how to honor recently retired member J Boyd

J. Commission Member Items

1. E. Germani reported Hunts Mills Sunday hikes will begin 2nd Sunday in March at 12:30pm
2. K. Queenan mentioned some possible candidates to join the commission.
3. W. Barnes reported some brush cutting will be needed for access to repair boardwalk at Boyden Heights

K. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Carney, Secretary