

East Providence Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2025
City Hall - Room 308

Members present: Wayne Barnes, Ernie Germani, John Carney, Kelsey Queenan, Patrick Hanner

Tree Commission Liaison: Meg Robinson

- A. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm
- B. Adoptions of Minutes: April 15, 2025 minutes approved with spelling correction
- C. Public Comment : None
- D. Planning Department update: Turner Reservoir will receive another water chestnut abatement treatment in June.
- E. Tree Commission Report: Next meeting July 16, 2025. RI Green Infrastructure spoke about the need for a city Urban Forester. USDA grant will fund summer interns. Newman Cemetery may qualify as an arboretum.
- F. Correspondence: Commission member Keith Gonsalves submitted a letter of resignation.
- G. New Business: No discussion on Historic District Commission.
- H. Old Business

1. Newman Ave / West Ave. Dan Borges suggested extending the trail to the current parking turnaround area on West Ave. in Seekonk so DPW can maintain the informal lot.
 2. Hunts Mills waterproofing: Moved to July 15, 2025
 3. Recognition of Jim Boyd: Proclamations discussed for both Jim Boyd and Keith Gonsalves for their work for the commission over the years.
 4. Grass Plains trail: Trail extension is cleared but still needs work with tree roots and some wet areas Friends of Grassy Plain may be able to help, but they no longer seem to be active.
- I. Other Business: Discussion regarding M Robinson as a possible replacement for Conservation Commission vacancy.
- J. Commission Member Items
1. W Barnes Exiting CRMC permit should be ok for boardwalk repair needed at Boyden Heights. Brush trimming needed for boardwalk access.
 2. J Carney noted new Urban Greenway park located on East Point Drive where the new townhouses are going up. There is an Osprey nest platform there too.
- K. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.
Next meeting July 15, 2025 5:30pm at Hunts Mills

Respectfully submitted,

John Carney
Secretary

