

East Providence Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2025

City Hall - Room 308

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

Tree Commission Liaison: Meg Robinson

Public attendees: Alan Papino

- A. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm
- B. Adoptions of minutes: March 18, 2025 minutes approved.
- C. Public comment : Resident Andrew Papino inquired about small tracts of land, one at 20 Bentley St. and another at the corner of Mercer St and Veterans Memorial Parkway. The city has plans for Bentley, the Trust for Public Land may be of help for Mercer.
- D. Planning Department update: Turner Reservoir will receive another water chestnut treatment, permitting process is underway. A letter of support was approved in order seek help from the URI Landscape Architecture program to help with the 9.6 acre donation of land from the former Metacomet Country Club
- E. Tree Commission report: Next meeting April 16, 2025. Arbor Day celebration at Hennessey School. April 22, 2025 Copper Beech Tree event at Weaver Library May 5, 2025; this tree has too many issues to be saved. RI Energy is completing a significant tree trimming project throughout the city, including the donated land at Metacomet.
- F. Correspondence: None

G. New Business: None

H. Old Business

1. Follow up on 13 Harriet Court, Seekonk- Nothing new to report
2. DPW / Dan Borges needs to look into the parking lot at the new trailhead on West Ave. in Seekonk.

I. Other Business: A site visit is needed at Grassy Plain Park for the new trail.

J. Commission Member Items

1. K. Queenan Daniel Ruth is a going to help out to complete our trail kiosk signs
2. E Germaini Saturday May 3, 2025 at 9am is our cleanup at Boyden Heights.
3. P Hanner Preservation work is underway at Newman Cemetery; several spring cemetery clean ups are scheduled throughout the city.
4. J Carney Participating in RI Audubon Society Osprey nest monitoring
5. W Barnes Will be away next month; reminder about June 21, 2025 Trails Day at Hunts Mill

K. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 7:19pm. Next meeting April 20, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

John Carney, Secretary