

East Providence Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes November 19, 2025
City Hall - Room 308

Members present: Wayne Barnes, Ernie Germani, John Carney, Kelsey Queenan, Patrick Hanner, Michael Nelson, Chester Levine Tree Commission Liaison: Meg Robinson

A. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

B. Adoptions of Minutes. None to approve.

C. Public Comment. None.

D. Planning Department update

The city is seeking a DEM grant to make improvements to the Kettle Point Pier / Thomas Dambo troll area including an ADA walkway, benches, a gazebo and more.

The city is also working on water quality improvements to Willett Pond with improved stormwater management with better drainage into the pond.

E. Tree Commission Report

Last meeting October 8 2025. The commission met its USDA grant goals. 88 trees will be planted along Waterman Ave. Walker House 250th anniversary in 2026 will include a Red Maple tree planting. Tree inventory complete with new app.

F. Correspondence

The Conservation Commission letter regarding the proposed Veterans Parkway roundabout was submitted.

G. New Business

Two new members have been appointed - Michael Nelson and Chester Levine.
Rick Lawson is City Council liaison. One empty spot remains

Boyden Heights boardwalk project has a permit from the CRMC and a City
Building permit for the Spring 2026 repairs.

Both Wayne Barnes and John Carney commission appointments are expiring
soon, they will need to reapply.

H. Old Business

Ongoing trail improvements to Newman Crossing and Grassy Plain Park will be
revisited in Spring 2026.

I. Other Business

None

J. Commission Member Items

M Nelson discussed how Squantum Woods is a good birding trail.

E Germani has one more Hunts Mills walk scheduled for December and many
hikes already scheduled in 2026, including one in conjunction with Brown
University.

K. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Next meeting January 20, 2026

Respectfully submitted, John Carney Secretary