

# RI Forest Conservation Commission

## *IN PERSON MEETING*

June 1, 2022

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

RI Department of Environmental Management

235 Promenade Street, Room 300 (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)

Providence RI, 02908

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

**Members Present:** Cassie Tharinger, David Gregg, Kate Sayles, Christopher Riely, Scott Millar, Robert T. Thurber Jr., Marc Tremblay, Tee Jay Boudreau

**Members Absent:** David Caldwell

### AGENDA

1. **Welcome and introductions** – Members introduced themselves to the group as this was the first meeting of the Commission.
2. **Overview of the Forest Conservation Act** – An overview of the RI General Law that created the Forest Conservation Commission was presented to the group.
  - a. Discussion was had on getting a better understanding on the Commission’s ability to receive and distribute funds, and how bond money may be able to be directed to the Commission.
3. **Appointment of Commission leadership roles**
  - a. **Chairperson and Vice Chairperson** - The Commission decided that it would be best to hold off on making official appointments to the Commission leadership until the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.
4. **Year 1 topics/goals** – The Commission talked amongst themselves on topics they would like to complete in its first year. These topics included:
  - a. Creating more definitions including:
    - Urban and Community Forestry
    - Old Growth Forests
    - Forests

- Natural Heritage Forest Types
  - Core Forests
- b. Sending a Joint Letter from the Commission to the RI State Legislation informing them that the Commission has begun meeting and that they Commission plans on working to define RI Old Growth Forests, as it is within the charge of the Commission to do so.
- A motion on this letter was recommended by Scott Millar, and Seconded by Marc Tremblay with all in favor.
5. **Meeting schedule** – The Group decided that they would meet in 2 months and set a more regular schedule at that time.
6. **Public comment** – There was no comment
7. **Adjourn** – David Gregg motioned for adjournment, seconded by Kate Sayles, motion passed all in favor.