



**BURRILLVILLE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
105 HARRISVILLE MAIN STREET
HARRISVILLE, RHODE ISLAND 02830**

MEETING AGENDA

DATE POSTED: _____

Date: Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, at 6:30 PM

Meeting Location: American Legion Post #88, Binns Building, 111 Chapel Street, Harrisville, RI 02830

Attendance:

Business to be considered and acted upon:

- 1) Accept the February 2024 Meeting Minutes.
- 2) Wallum Lake Dam/Canoe Launch Area Report:
 1. Receive the current lake water level in elevation feet report and canoe launch area report.
 2. March 15th lower the dam gate to begin to increase water level to the summer seasonal level.
- 3) Burrillville Wildlife Conservation Plan (BWCP), Sub-Committee Report.
- 4) Water Protection:
 1. 2024 Educational Pamphlets printed. Scheduled for Spring on-going. Discussion and vote.
 2. BCC URI Watershed Watch Program (Spring Lake aka RI Test Site WW051). Our coordinator for the seasonal water sampling from May-October for the BCC has resigned. Discussion and vote to continue or to discontinue this program.
- 5) Quarterly Conservation Programs and Events: Scheduling of community presentations and ongoing events report.
 1. **Presentations** -Roberta has arranged for a speaker from RITree.org to make a presentation on April 4th at the library beginning at 6:30pm to 7:45pm. This will be in advance of Arbor Day celebrated on the last Friday in April (4/26/24)
 2. **Guided Seasonal Hikes** - Ron and Monique volunteered to take over the quarterly seasonal guided hikes from Martha Thoman. Dates for these hikes to be scheduled and posted to the Conservation Commission's new Facebook Page.
 3. **Full Moon hike scheduled for March 24th** - Martha Thoman to guide the Full Moon ("Worm Moon") hike at Branch River Park beginning on Sunday, March 24th from 6pm-8pm. Advertisements will be posted on social media.
 4. **Earth Day** - BCC & Town Event, Purchase Plants for Raffle, Select & Plan a cleanup location area in town (Budget \$80).
 5. **Earth Day** - Bargain Buyer place a 1/8-page Ad along with Lion's Club & Parks & Rec Dept (Budget \$52).
 6. **Arbor Day** - BCC Event, Tree Planting of a one 3-inch diameter tree at any town park, Last Friday in April is Arbor Day (April 28th, 2023) (Budget \$175).
- 6) Town Properties and Conservation Area project status and land steward maintenance activity reports:
 - Nipmuc Conservation Area, Lapham Farm Conservation Easement Area, Union Pond Park Conservation Area, Branch River Park, Burrillville Town Recreation Lodge Area, Duck Pond Area, Public Canoe Launch Sites.
- 7) Adopt-A-Spot (Rt 102) & Town gateway signs: Burrillville/N. Smithfield (Rt 102 & Rt 7), Burrillville/Glocester (Rt 102) report.
 - Pollinator Planting in Meadow Planned. Seeds need to be purchased and work activities scheduled. Discussion and vote.
- 8) Town Council, Planning Board, and Zoning Board, meeting agendas, and meeting minutes review. Discussions and votes.
- 9) BCC Fiscal 2024 Budget Report: Review Budget and Expense Reports for FY24. Review invoices. Discussions and votes.
- 10) Old Business:
- 11) Mail and Correspondence. Discussions.
- 12) Adjournment.