

Burrillville Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order by: Ron Lapierre at 7:00pm.

Members Present: Ron Lapierre, Michael Lamoureaux, Michael Longenbaker, Samantha Young, Jose Pedro, Roberta Lacey, Monique DeRoche

Guests- Scott Buchanan and Amanda Freitas

Accept February 21, 2023 Minutes - Mike Longenbaker motioned to accept, Mike Lapierre seconded. Unanimously accepted.

Wallum Lake- Lake level at 585. Reported by Jose Pedro.

Town Conservation Plan- Michael Lamoureaux- BCC should become more aware of items presented for review at the planning and zoning boards so we can share BCC concerns about sensitive or important areas in town to be protected.

Scott Buchanan State of RI Herpatologist and Amanda Freitas RI Wildlife Action Plan Community Liason were introduced by Samantha Young. Scott Buchanan outlined the State of RI's focused species for conservation.

-How to protect habitats where these species live.

-Use Herp Observer App to document species.

Amanda Freitas explained her role would be to provide information about how to protect habitats on BCC properties while providing access to points of interest.

Nipmunk Trail- Ron Lapierre -Need to build Tabletop and Bog Bridge- Date to be set to build onsite.

Quarterly Conservation Programs-

-Salamander Event- Samantha- most likely next week, watching the weather. Samantha made Risk Releases for participants.

-David Gregg Presentation March 29th at library

-April 15th Guided Hike at Nipmunk Trail.

Lapham Farm- Started to plot trail. Need to mark trails, future date will be set.

Rt 102 Gateway - Roberta Lacey to share a grant opportunity to plant a meadow for pollinators.

Old Business-

-Zoning Board rescheduled meeting April 11th.

-Arbor Day- April 28th- Plan for tree purchase.

-Commission Patches are completed and distributed to members.

Adjournment- Jose Pedro made motion at 9:20 pm Mike Lamoureux seconded.

, 4/18/23
Ronald P. Lapierre, Chairperson / Date