



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

MEETING AGENDA

DATE POSTED: _____

Date: Tuesday, February 20th, 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 January 2024 Meeting Minutes.
- 2) Wallum Lake Dam/Canoe Launch Area Report:
 1. Receive the Lake current water level in elevation feet and provide a Canoe Launch Area report.
 2. Determine the proper seasonal water levels for the proposed new spillway (RIDEM Application 22-0083).
- 3) Burrillville Wildlife Conservation Plan (BWCP), Due 2025. Sub-Committee Report.
- 4) Water Protection:
 1. Watershed Water Quality Watch Program 2024 Report.
 2. 2024 Educational Pamphlets scheduled for Spring on-going. Discussion and vote.
 3. BCC URI Watershed Watch Program (Spring Lake aka RI Test Site WW051). Bruce Tancrede conducts this weekly water sampling seasonally from May-October for the BCC and no longer wants to continue this volunteer duty and currently he has no other volunteers who wants to replace him. We need to get other volunteers or come up with alternatives. Discussion and vote.
- 5) Quarterly Conservation Programs: Discussions and scheduling of community presentations and ongoing events report.
 - **Presentations** -_Roberta has arranged for a speaker from RITree.org to make a presentation on April 4th at the library. This will be in advance of Arbor Day and Earth Day later in the month of April. We need to reach out to the RI Tree contact person to supply us with a broacher about the presentation so we can use it in promoting the presentation. Roberta is also planning for another presentation on beavers and the uses of beaver water flow devices and to provide education on the alternative methods to deal with the nuisance of beavers, the cost effectiveness, etc... We can setup to have Michael Callahan, owner of Beaver Solutions via remote computer to lecture and to answer questions.
 - **Annual Salamander Crossing** -_We have scheduled two training dates and reserved the library. Due to the high demand for library resources, we need to discuss if we want to utilize these dates or to notify the library to cancel.
 - **Guided Seasonal Hikes** - Ron and Monique volunteered to guide hikes and will share discussion we had with Martha about the hikes for 2024? Martha's work schedule has become more demanding, and she no longer can lead the guided hikes for us. We need to come up with four dates this year for guided hiking dates. We need to decide how we will lead the hikes in a manner the same way that Martha did them (stop every 5 minutes and have a teaching moment or show the group some educational items). These hikes have been successful and are good for educating people that normally don't get out into the woods much.
 - **Full Moon hike scheduled for February 23rd** – Mike Longenbaker is out of town, and we need someone to contact Martha about the weather as we get close to this event. We also need to advertise it by word of mouth and on social media.
- 6) Town Properties and Conservation Areas 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.



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- 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 FY24 7 FY25 and Expense Reports. Review invoices. Discussions and votes.
- 10) Old Business:
- 11) Next monthly meeting scheduled for Tuesday February 20th, 2024 beginning at 6:30pm.
- 12) Mail and correspondence.
- 13) Adjournment.