



Town of South Kingstown Conservation Commission

Regular Session Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 6:00 PM
South Kingstown Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room
180 High Street, Wakefield, RI 02879
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Mathew Bradywood, Chair
Mary Talbot-Rabuano, Vice
Chair
J. Vernon Wyman, Secretary
Carol Craig
Maggie Clune
Melissa Hughes

A. Call to Order:

B. Approval of Minutes:

1. August 5, 2025

C. Old Business:

D. New Business:

1. Sustainability and Conservation: Discussion of a potential commission merger.

M. Bradywood spoke about recent resignations and the potential for having quorum issues. Matt attended Sustainability Commission on August 18th and brought the merger idea (ConCom and SusCom) to them. Both boards have struggled with getting members and have typically struggled with a full board. The State established Conservation Commissions in 1960, SK adopted a ConCom in 1961. SusCom came about around 2016, a much newer body. Matt acknowledged the challenges in Chairing the ConCom and voiced support for a merger since the charters and missions are similar with aligned goals.

Carol was concerned that the conversation about Tree Inventory and volunteering to take DBH measurements of trees scared some members off.

Matt indicated the challenges and need to revise the motion and charge. Jay offered that the merged commission could start with the eleven (11) existing members with no reappointment until membership is down to seven (7) members.

Mary - Commission has always had a membership problem, no objection to combining commissions and see what comes out of it.

Carol - Likes the idea, very similar, should be able to merge nicely,

Kate - Also very supportive of the idea, what are the next steps.

At SusCom they were interested in the ConCom opinion. Matt will attend the September meeting for SusCom and work with Kate on the mission. Will shoot to wrap up in October and try to get to Town Council in November. Potentially may need to put an early request in to be on the agenda at a future date so that we don't lose time if there is an agenda scheduling issue.

E. Report from Duty Member on Prior Month's TRC Meeting:

F. Designation of Duty Member for Technical Review Committee:

Mary will be the Duty Member for September 10th TRC meeting.

G. Next Meeting Date & Agenda Items:

H. Adjournment: