**RI Forest Conservation Commission**

***IN PERSON MEETING***

**May 2nd, 2024**

**1:00 PM – 3:00 PM**

RI Department of Environmental Management

235 Promenade Street, Room 330C Office of Air Resources (3rd Floor)

Providence RI, 02908

*Please note that members of the Commission are required to attend in person per RI’s Open Meeting Act Requirement.*

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MINUTES

1. Approval of March 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. Most Important Forest Definition Review – Discussion and Possible Action
	1. The group edited the definition on real time and finalized the language
3. Most Important Forest Definition Public Meeting – Discussion and Possible Action
	1. Group discussed having a meeting this fall to discuss and present the definition to the RI public, but a definitive date did not materialize.
4. Forest Economic Discussion – RI DEM Division of Agriculture, RI Woods Operators’ Organization (Invited)
	1. RI DEM AG and RIWOO discussed economic growth potential for forest products and associated laws related to local timber building construction and promoting local milled lumber to be allowed for building construction.
5. Need dedicated State Funding Source to support forest conservation – Discussion and Possible Action
	1. A continuous discussion – the group detailed the further need to evaluate ways to have the FCC funded to support forest conservation
6. Other
	1. Current Commission Chair – Scott Millar stepped down from his roll and declared that he would be leaving the FCC.
7. Public Comment
	1. NA
8. Adjourn

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