

MEMBERS:

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AGENDA

MAY 6, 2026 7:00p.m.

**MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE LEO BOUCHARD CONSERVATION CENTER
5 WATERVIEW DRIVE, SMITHFIELD, RI 02917**

A) CALL TO ORDER

B) EMERGENCY EVACUATION AND HEALTH NOTIFICATION

C) APPROVAL OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 1, 2026

D) OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Consider, discuss and act upon reports on meetings attended by Conservation Commission members.
- 2) Consider, discuss and act upon the maintenance of conservation areas including the Conservation Center.
 - Trail Subcommittee Report
- 3) Consider, discuss and act upon the following goals for 2026.
 - Continue to remain visible within the community in terms of what the Conservation Commission does.
 - Facebook Page for Conservation Commission
 - Consider, discuss and act upon the following events:
 - Discuss 2026 Summer Soccer Events, America's 250 Anniversary, Semi quincentennial and Smithfield's 300 Anniversary, Tercentenary
 - Tree Day - May 2, 2026 Review
 - Community Values Conservation Event – June 30, 2026
 - Discuss talking points on behalf of the Conservation Commission
 - Assessing Water Quality Issues in Town: Goals, Strategies, Resources and Next Steps
- 4) Discuss and act upon Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council activities at the Conservation Center.
- 5) Consider, discuss and act upon informal and formal liaisons to other related Town boards and commissions.

E) NEW BUSINESS

- 1) RIDEM Forestry Division - Urban and Community Grant Program - Options for Grant Funding
- 2) Consider, discuss and act upon approval of the payment of bills submitted to the Conservation Commission.

F) PUBLIC COMMENT

G) ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA POSTED: April 30, 2026

The public is welcome to any meeting of the Smithfield Conservation Commission. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captions) is needed or any other accommodations are needed to ensure equal participation, please contact the Smithfield Town Managers Office at 401-233-1010 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.