MEMBERS:

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Mark Bushee, Secretary
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SMITHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 2, 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 - JULY 7, 2026

D) APPROVAL OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 5, 2025

E) 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 2026/2027.
   - 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 America's 250 Anniversary, Semi quincentennial, Smithfield's 300 Anniversary, Tercentenary, CommUNITY Night Out, Friday, August 21, 2026 and Rootstock, Saturday, September 19, 2026
   - Assessing Water Quality Issues in Town: Goals, Strategies, Resources and Next Steps
   - RIDEM Forestry Division -Urban & Community Grant Program 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.
6) Financial Review - Conservation Commission

E) NEW BUSINESS

1) Consider, discuss and act upon approval of the payment of bills submitted to the Conservation Commission.

F) PUBLIC COMMENT

G) ADJOURNMENT

AGENDA POSTED: August 28, 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.