



Foster Conservation Commission

Town of Foster
Benjamin Eddy Building
6 South Killingly Road
Foster, RI 02825

Meeting Minutes

Monday, Oct 16, 2023
At 6:30 p.m.
Benjamin Eddy Building

A. *Call to order/Roll call*

Meeting called to order at 6:34 P.M.

Members in attendance: Rathbun, McClellan, Payne, Therrien, Zahansky, Galligan

B. *Approval of Minutes Sept 2023*

Action: Minutes approved: McClellan/Therrien; Motion Carried Unanimously

C. *Reports*

- *Land Trust Liaison*

Dennis reported that he now possesses a nuisance trapping permit to help in managing the land trust properties; the Dunbar Dam requires a re-inspection – a series of tasks have been completed to hopefully lead to a quick resolution related to the concerns noted; trails have all been cleaned and are set for the fall

- *Recycling Liaison*

No update

- *Social Media Liaison*

We are up to 471 followers on Facebook; articles in FHJ and posted to Facebook; recent posts on Eco-Depot; Kathy will be adding monthly the request for local vendors for the Conservation Fair and “Save the Date” for the Fair and Earth Day 2024

D. *Public Comments*

Town Planner Grant McGregor was present and shared information requesting assistance in the creation of Zoning Overlays for the town based on conservation/sensitive areas in town. A brief discussion was held suggesting some places to look for information that may already outline sensitive areas in town. The Commission will look at this as a future agenda item to identify areas for consideration.

E. *Correspondence*

No correspondence

F. *Old Business*

Budget review – discussion on the town allocation; a grant of \$1000 is expected and Dave provided and update including that we have appx. \$400 remaining from last year’s budget; \$1450 is allocated from the Town annually and roughly equates to the advertising money spent to promote activities. Discussion related to amount to spend this year and whether we



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should back off on ads or create a more focused ad earlier for vendors. This can also be included on the Facebook page and maybe through the Town email blast.

Earth Day 2024 – Tony will follow up on Monarch project inquiry related to milkweed; Quote on polo shirts and identifying the commission members at the fair/cleanup; Quick timeline review. We will focus in November on making sure we are on schedule.

G. *New Business*

H. *Future Agenda Items*

- Earth Day Planning
- Zoning Overlay request

I. *Future Conservation Commission Projects*

- Open to new ideas

J. *Adjournment*

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

McClellan/Therrien; Motion Carried Unanimously

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED on behalf of the Commission,

M. Galligan, Recording Secretary

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