

**Foster Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday December 19, 2005
Eddy Building 7pm**

The Foster Conservation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm; in attendance were Mike Wood, Don Manley, Marilyn Flanders, Ruth Rogers, and Judy Helfgott. Absent were Ed Creighton – excused and Fran Johnson – unexcused. In the audience was Mr. Ron Cervasio.

Correspondence:

1. Email from Dan Novak of the Rhode Island Association of Conservation Commissions
2. RINHS (Rhode Island Natural History Survey) 11th Annual Conference
3. Tree City USA Application

Approval of Minutes: Ruth Rogers moved to approve the minutes of December 5, 2005 as amended, Marilyn Flanders seconded, motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

1. Appointment of Land Trust Liaison – Chair Mike Wood appointed Don Manley as the Land Trust Liaison starting in January of 2006 thru January 2007.

Ron Cervasio asked, pertaining to the Conservation By-laws, how Don Manley would represent the views of the Conservation Commission verses anyone else who is sitting here. The Chair stated that Mr. Manley had attended some of the Land Trust meetings with the previous liaison and if he had any questions regarding the views of the Commission he could bring them back to be answered and that if he didn't have Conservation interests at heart that he wouldn't have joined the Commission.

Mr. Cervasio then stated that “you do know that every dog has there day Mike, right”. The Chair replied back, “at least for another month anyway”.

2. Ordinance Review – The Chair collected what the members had for suggestions pertaining to the ordinance revision process that the Planning Board will be reviewing in January.
3. Recycling Tips - Judy Helfgott suggested at the last meeting to create a legacy, not just as a community focus but pertaining to the earth as a whole. This will go into an ad and then there will be other recycling tips throughout.

Don Manley asked if there had been an ad placed to make residents aware that the Town gets fined if they don't recycle a certain percentage of waste. He felt that probably a lot of people in town weren't even aware of this.

Judy Helfgott pointed out that the Commissions last mailing addressed that issue. The Chair went on to explain what the mailing said regarding this issue.

The Chair would like to have another Town wide mailing go out, something that will catch peoples attention a little better.

Mr. Cervasio suggested it would be beneficial to the Commission to separate themselves from the town by using a different color for the flyer rather than using letterhead with the old townhouse logo on.

Judy Helfgott also suggested making the flyer shorter and to the point, that anything over a page gets tossed.

New Business

1. Bluebird/Bathhouse Workshop Discussion – The Woody Lowden building has been reserved for February 25, 2006 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm for the workshop.

Judy Helfgott mentioned that Ed Creighton had offered to take over doing the kits for the workshop as he had done for last year's workshop. She said that he would find another place to purchase the materials this year rather than Home Depot.

The Chair stated that he would be very grateful if he did and that any expenses for the materials would be reimbursed to him.

Future Agenda Items

The next Conservation Meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2006 rather than January 16, 2006 which is a holiday.

Mr. Cervasio suggested that a Committee should have a philosophy and that the Commission may want to consider doing this.

Ruth Rogers suggested that one or two members from each committee should get together at least quarterly.

1. Appoint a Permanent Secretary
2. Election of Officers

Adjournment: Don Manley moved to adjourn at 7:50 pm, Ruth Rogers seconded, motion carried 7-0, meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Judith Helfgott
Secretary - **ProTem**