

**Foster Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday February 21, 2006  
Eddy Building 7pm**

The Foster Conservation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:50 pm; in attendance were Mike Wood, Don Manley, Ruth Rogers, and Judy Helfgott. Ed Creighton, Marilyn Flanders and Fran Johnson were absent.

**Correspondence:**

1. Coastal Features Bulletin
2. Earth Day Flyer
3. Recycling Magazine

**Approval of Minutes:**

Judy Helfgott noted two changes to be made, the first one being on the last page of the minutes where it states that Judy Helfgott would then become the Conservation Secretary, she would like it to read that she will remain Secretary Pro-Tem. The second change pertains to where the Town Clerk noted that the voting process for the Commission had been done incorrectly. Judy felt that the Town Clerk was incorrect in saying that because she found out that Robert's Rules states that if a nominee is not apposed that the vote of the Secretary is all that's needed.

Mike Wood moved to approve the minutes of February 21, 2006 as amended, Don Manley seconded, motion carried 4-0.

**Old Business**

1. **Correction of Election Process** – Seeing that there were no objections to the elections from the prior meeting, Mike Wood asked the Secretary to call for a Roll Call vote. Don Manley – aye, Mike Wood – aye, Ruth Rogers – aye, Judy Helfgott – aye.

Mike Wood now turned the floor over to the new Chair, Ruth Rogers to carry out the rest of the meeting.

2. **Recycling update** –Ruth went over all the recycling information she had gathered from Town Hall. If the Town stays within their allowed Cap of 1748 ton of trash then the cost is \$32.00 per ton, over this Cap the cost is \$51.50 per ton.

Don Manley brought up the point that if the Commission is supposed to be encouraging more recycling in Town that people in Foster shouldn't be allowed to bag yard waste, it should be recycled on their property.

Ruth thought maybe the Commission could send out flyers regarding this issue as a way to inform new comers that this shouldn't be done.

Mike Wood mentioned that Fran Johnson had found out that in the period from July of 2004 to December of 2004 the Town was over the Cap and had paid to pay \$27,000.00. The Town was at 16 ½ % recycling at the time the Commission started sending out flyers on recycling and advertising in the Foster Home Journal, now the Town is up to 18 ½ % so it is important to continue making people more aware of recycling.

The Town has to reach 20 % or more in order to receive any reimbursement from Rhode Resource Recovery on a pro-rata basis. This is all part of a statewide recycling target rate incentive program.

**3. Bluebird/Bathhouse Workshop schedule** – The workshop will be at the Woody Lowden Center, Saturday February 25, 2006 from 11am – 1pm. Mike Wood, Fran Johnson and possibly Marilyn Flanders will be there to run the workshop.

### **New Business**

**1. Goals for upcoming year** – Don Manley asked if the Commission could contact Conservation Commissions in surrounding rural towns to see what types of projects they are working on. He volunteered to work on this by contacting them by email, telephone or attending some of their meetings.

**2. Earth Day Preparations** – The Commission started to discuss ideas about spreading the word for the Earth Day Cleanup and getting other groups involved.

**3. Review of the Erosion & Sediment Control Plan for Morris Prior** – This item was tabled and Judy Helfgott will recuse herself from the vote at that time.

### **Future Agenda Items**

**Adjournment:** Mike Wood moved to adjourn at 8:50 pm, Don Manley seconded, motion carried 4-0, meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Judith Helfgott  
Secretary Pro Tem