

Foster Conservation Commission
Monday March 20, 2006
Eddy Building 7pm

The Foster Conservation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm; in attendance were Mike Wood, Don Manley, Ruth Rogers, Fran Johnson, Judy Helfgott, Ed Creighton and Marilyn Flanders. In the audience was Tom Mercier.

Correspondence:

1. **Southern Rhode Island Conservation District** – Seedling program

2. **Northern Rhode Island Conservation District** – Seedling program

Judy Helfgott asked if the Seedling program flyers went out to everyone in town and if maybe the Commission might want to have an ad placed in the Foster Home Journal regarding the Seedling program. It could possibly be done for Earth Day; they could be handed out to people as they come in with their trash.

Fran Johnson mentioned that in the past this had been done at the Earth Day Cleanup.

Judy also asked about the Conservation Kit mentioned on the flyer and if that would be of interest to anyone.

Fran suggested that the Commission should wait until next year to hand out the seedlings because Earth Day is only a few weeks away, that maybe next year they could do this.

3. **Natural Resources Conservation Service Flyer**

4. **Letter from Robert Fallon regarding the Prior Gravel Bank Plan** – Ed Creighton moved that the Commission accept Mr. Fallon's letter and let that be the end of it, Marilyn Flander's seconded.

Discussion followed, Judy Helfgott recused herself from the voting on this issue. The vote was tied; Ed, Marilyn and Ruth all voting Yes, Don, Fran and Mike all voting No, motion didn't pass.

Don Manley moved to send a letter to the Town Council regarding this issue, Mike Wood seconded, discussion followed, Judy Helfgott recused herself from the voting again. The vote was again tied; Ed, Marilyn and Ruth all voting No, Don, Fran and Mike all voting Yes, motion did not pass.

5. **Proposed Wetland Alteration Permits from RIDEM**

6. **Earth Day Letter from RIDEM:**

Fran Johnson mentioned that in the past seedlings had been handed out at the Earth Day Cleanup.

Ruth mentioned that maybe the Earth Day flyers could be brought to the school, copied and handed out to students so they could bring them home with them. The flyer or ad could also go into the Foster Home Journal.

Ed Creighton asked if Foster got any credit for their recyclables and Mike Wood said that he thought so, but would look into it.

Fran offered to contact Mr. Rambone and get things set up with him for Earth Day.

Approval of Minutes: Mike Wood moved to approve the minutes of February 21, 2006, Ed Creighton seconded, motion unanimously carried 7-0.

Old Business

1. **Recycling Mailing** – The Commission will work on getting more recycling ads into the Foster Home Journal from time to time.

2. **Earth Day Preparation** – Earth Day will be scheduled for April 22nd and 23rd this year and the schedule will be Saturday 9am – 4pm and Sunday 10am – 2pm.

Mike Wood and Ruth Rogers will pick up the Earth Day supplies.

New Business

1. **Newspaper Article** – Randall Arendt – This item was tabled until the next meeting.

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment: Mike Wood moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm, Don Manley seconded, motion carried 7-0, meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Judith Helfgott
Secretary Pro-Tem