

**Foster Conservation Commission Meeting**  
**Monday July 17, 2006**  
**Eddy Building 7pm**

The Foster Conservation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm; in attendance were Mike Wood, Ruth Rogers, Ed Creighton, Marilyn Flanders and Don Manley. Fran Johnson was excused.

**Correspondence:**

1. Letter from RIDEM regarding the Non-point Source Pollution grant – Ed Creighton suggested that the Commission members take it home and look it over.
2. Scituate Reservoir watershed handout to keep for reference.
3. Insignificant Alteration Permit letter from RIDEM – seen, accepted and moved on.

**Approval of Minutes:** Marilyn Flanders moved to approve the minutes of June 19, 2006 as amended, Ruth Rogers seconded, motion carried 6-0.

Judy Helfgott moved to approve the minutes of June 27, 2006 as amended, Ruth Rogers seconded, motion carried 6-0.

**Old Business**

1. **Balcom Road discussion** - Mike Wood stated that he had one problem with the plan, which was designed and signed by Richard E. Grant; he didn't think that Mr. Grant was an engineer and could do this. Following the discussion, Judy Helfgott moved that the Conservation Commission has accepted and reviewed the plan as long as the Planning Board, Zoning Board and the RIDEM have no problems with it, Marilyn Flanders seconded, motion carried 6-0.

2. **Recycling Ideas** – Reminder stickers were one of the ideas discussed as a way to remind people who aren't recycling. Ed Creighton suggested the stickers could be placed on the outside of people's mailboxes. Ruth Rogers and Judy Helfgott suggested doing flyers or having educational programs for the school children who would then pass the word along to their parents. Don Manley will be in contact with Mike Mesoletta from Rhode Island Resource Recovery regarding putting together a program and to have a representative at the booth for Old Home Days.

Ed Creighton asked Mike Wood to check with Fine Print about making up 3x4" reminder stickers, in the neon hot pink and what the cost would be.

Mike Wood spoke with Carol McCullough regarding placing an ad and she mentioned that the August issue would be out early; it would be out the Friday before Old Home Days.

3. **Review of the Five - Year Road Plan** – Ruth Rogers mentioned that Walter May had created this plan before Richard Grant came in. Judy Helfgott stated that the highway department should follow the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan when doing ditch and culvert work on any road by installing silt fences and hay bales.

Mike Wood spoke to John Lewis about the letter that was written by the Planning Board to the Council about the Five-Year Road Plan. It is updated every three years and the Commission should be a part of it.

Judy Helfgott moved to approve the Five-Year Road Plan with the provision that the Highway Department follows the Town's Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, Mike Wood seconded, motion carried 6-0.

**New Business**

1. **Old Home Days Schedule** – Don Manley will meet Mike Wood at the Town Hall on Friday around 2:00 pm to help get things set up. The rest of the schedule will be as follows; Marilyn Flanders – Friday 4pm – 8pm, Judy Helfgott – Saturday 12 – 4pm, Mike Wood 1pm – 4pm Saturday, Sunday 3pm – 7pm. The Commission will have Mike Mesoella provide a compost bin for display and someone from Rhode Island Resource Recovery to answer questions.

2. **RIACC (Rhode Island Association of Conservation Commissions) liaison discussion** – Mike Wood moved that the Commission pay the RIACC dues for the year in order to remain a part of the Association but no one would be a liaison, Ruth Rogers seconded, motion carried 6-0.

3. **Report from Don Manley, liaison to the Land Trust** – Will be done at the next meeting.

**Future Agenda Items**

Quarterly report overdue  
Report on how Old Home Days turned out  
Report from Don Manley, liaison to the Land Trust  
Recycling Ideas

**Adjournment:** Judy Helfgott moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm, Don Manley seconded, motion carried 6-0, meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ruth Rogers  
Secretary