

**Foster Conservation Commission Meeting
Monday September 18, 2006
Eddy Building 7pm**

The Foster Conservation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm; in attendance were Mike Wood, Ruth Rogers, Ed Creighton, Judy Helfgott and Don Manley. Fran Johnson and Marilyn Flanders were excused.

Correspondence:

1. Insignificant Alteration Permit from RIDEM – regarding the Balcom Road paving project being done by the Town of Foster, which involves a 2900 ft. length of Balcom Road. The letter from RIDEM serves as the Town's permit for this project and includes a list of conditions that must be met. Mike Wood moved to accept the permit letter from RIDEM, Don Manley seconded, motion carried 5-0.
2. Rhode Island Natural History Handout
3. Hand out regarding the recycling of old books – it was suggested to make this part of the Earth Day Cleanup next year either with or without this organization's assistance.
4. Email regarding Grow Smart Rhode Island training classes – Don Manley will be looking into doing this.
5. Magazine regarding Recycling Incentives – items that can be printed and purchased.
6. Mike Wood moved to add the email from Fran Johnson regarding why she has been absent from the meetings lately into correspondence, Don Manley seconded, Ed Creighton stated that he will respond to her first and then this can go on the next meeting agenda.

Approval of Minutes: Judy Helfgott moved to approve the minutes of August 21, 2006 as amended, Ruth Rogers seconded, motion carried 5-0.

Mike Wood mentioned that he had tried to contact Mr. Rambone to see if he could attend a Conservation meeting but he was on vacation.

Mike Wood moved to skip down to New Business, the report from Don Manley regarding the Land Trust, Don Manley seconded, motion carried 5-0.

New Business

1. **Report from Don Manley, liaison to the Land Trust** – Don handed a copy of his report to the Chair then went on to read it to the members. (See attached copy of report for details).

Old Business

1. **Recycling Ideas** – Judy Helfgott mentioned that there should be cleanups scheduled three times a year to pick up small hand tools and similar items because it is hard to dispose of them.

Don Manley pointed out that this could cost the Town more money for trash pickup to do something like that. He also mentioned it would be hard to manage a drop off site because people would then drop off all kinds of things.

Mike Wood mentioned that it would be nice to have an area owned by the Town, not necessarily the public works yard, to have an oil igloo and to drop off old batteries, tires, etc.

Don Manley mentioned that if we have Mr. Rambone and Mike Mesolella from Rhode Island Resource Recovery come and speak to the Commission that we could ask them if this could be done or not.

Ed Creighton mentioned the problem with cardboard not being disposed of properly, he suggested sending a letter out regarding this problem which he will work on.

Mike Wood asked if any ad was going into the Foster Home Journal and Ed Creighton responded that he didn't feel it was really working out as well as the Commission had hoped.

Judy Helfgott said that Ed should write up a letter and bring it to the next meeting and then send it out to the residents.

Ruth Rogers suggested checking recycling by looking at individual roads.

Future Agenda Items

Quarterly report overdue

Report on how Old Home Days turned out

Request Mr. Rambone and Mike Mesolella from Rhode Island Resource Recovery to come and speak to the Commission regarding recycling ideas.

Recycling Ideas

Adjournment: Judy Helfgott moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm, Ruth Rogers seconded, motion carried 5-0, meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ruth Rogers
Secretary