

**Foster Conservation Commission Meeting**  
**Monday October 16, 2006**  
**Eddy Building 7pm**

The Foster Conservation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm; in attendance were Mike Wood, Ruth Rogers, Ed Creighton and Judy Helfgott. Don Manley and Fran Johnson were excused, Marilyn Flanders has resigned.

**Correspondence:**

1. Letter from Provost & Rovero, Inc. regarding a 23 lot subdivision development in the Town of Sterling located off Gibson Road, near Jencks Road in Foster. Mike Wood will draft a letter in response to this.
2. Notice of workshops to be held in Smithfield in October and November regarding Conservation Development offered by Grow Smart Rhode Island. Mike Wood and Ed Creighton will try to attend.
3. Watershed Bulletin – This mentions that the Foster residents can recycle motor oil but the igloo is no longer out at the Highway Garage. Mike Wood will check with the Highway Director to make sure that this is still being done.

**Approval of Minutes:** Judy Helfgott moved to approve the minutes of September 18, 2006, Mike Wood seconded, motion carried 4-0.

Mike Wood moved to add an email from Fran Johnson to the agenda for discussion, Ruth Rogers seconded, motion carried 4-0. Mike stated that Fran had sent Ed Creighton an email with a return request attached. She received verification that the email was open but Ed had not responded back to her. Ed stated that he had never opened just saved it to open later. This issue will be on the next meeting agenda.

**Old Business**

1. Recycling Ideas – Recycling ideas were discussed along with the correspondence relating to the percentage of recycling for the Town, which now comes as a monthly report.

Chair, Ed Creighton wrote up a notice that would be given to residents that aren't recycling properly, the members felt that it should first go in the Foster Home Journal so that residents will be aware of it ahead of time. Mike Wood will bring it to the Foster Home Journal in time to be in the next issue.

2. Quarterly Report – The Chair, Ed Creighton reported that it will be done by the end of the week.
3. Old Home Days Turnout/New Ideas for next year – The suggestion was made to use students to help out with Old Home Days and Earth Day next year, this would make a good community service project. The members also discussed the need to have recycling bins placed next to the garbage barrels that are out during Old Home Days.

Judy Helfgott mentioned that she would still like to have Mr. Rambone and Mike Mesolella to come out and meet with the Commission.

**New Business**

None

**Future Agenda Items**

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

Recycling Ideas

November Agenda - Bird and Bat House Workshop

Article for Foster Home Journal

Locate Foster Businesses and ask them to recycle

For December agenda – Review Foster Wetlands ordinances and make recommendations

Email from Fran Johnson to the Chair, Ed Creighton

Review and recommend updates the Wetlands Ordinances in the Town of Foster

Elections for a new Vice Chair

Welcome New Member

Request that an ad be placed for an alternate member

**Adjournment:** Judy Helfgott moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm, Ruth Rogers seconded, motion carried 5-0, meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ruth Rogers

Secretary