



**Foster Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 16, 2007
Ben Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, 7:00PM**

A. Call to Order

Mike Wood, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

B. Roll Call

In attendance were: Mike Wood, Chair; Marcia Bowden, Secretary; George Christie, Scott Ulricksen, Chris Iozzi. Judy Helfgott was excused. Ruth Rogers was absent.

Guests: Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner; Peter Flinker of Dodson Associates

C. Correspondence

1. RIRRC report. Mike explained that the 07130 number was the code used to designate different kinds of recyclables. He further reported that the Town is 471 tons over cap resulting in approximately \$20,000 extra to RIRRC. Mike requested that an ad be placed in the Foster Home Journal urging citizens to redouble their recycling efforts. George added that it should include using less trash overall. Per Ann-Marie's suggestion, Mike will ask Carol Lyons to help design the ad.
2. RIDEM 6 Notification of Intent to Conduct Field Activities. Weston Solutions, at the request of RIDEM is conducting tests on Danielson Pike property (Plat Number 10, Lot Numbers 31-33) to determine whether hazardous materials are present and the extent of said hazardous material. Complete preliminary investigation report is on file at Planner's office, Conservation Commission, and Planning Board.

D. Approval of Minutes

George moved to approve the minutes of June 18, 2007, with the correction of "oor print resources" added to F-5. Scott seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. Mike Wood *aye*, Chris Iozzi *aye*, George Christie *aye*, Scott Ulrickson *aye*, Marcia Bowden *aye*.

E. New Business

Peter Flinker of Dodson Associates presented the maps for the Greenspace Project, which is the study to protect not only the water supply of the Scituate Reservoir, but also for the entire five town watershed area. The Foster maps will be available at the Town Planner's office for the Conservation Commission members to study. Any suggestions and corrections must be submitted to Ann-Marie by August 1, 2007.

F. Reports

1. George, Land Trust liaison, reported on the progress of the Ram Tail acquisition as well as the Land Trust's concern about maintaining what it has and creating useable land.
2. Marcia, Planning Board liaison, reported that the Rte. 6 rezoning project has completed identification of the nodes; the next meeting will discuss definitions of mixed use. She listed the subdivisions coming before the planning board, saying she requested Conservation Commission site walks on the Costa subdivision and the Vossler administration subdivision.
3. Mike reported that URI will not participate in a collective plan for water testing, that it must be done by individuals.

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4. George reported that the environmental data base issue has been resolved. Ann-Marie said that the maps were ready.
5. Chris will contact Randy Rossi and get started on the website.
6. Marcia handed out the Scituate Reservoir Plan and reported that she had received most of the Scenic Road project materials from Julie Parmentier. She will prepare a preliminary report on materials to date for the next meeting.

G. Old Business

1. Old Home Days plans were finalized.
 - a. Marcia will revise the survey and ask Carol Lyons to make 500 copies.
 - b. Chris will finish the poster.
 - c. Scott and Mike will set up the booth
 - d. Mr. Rambone will provide a roll-off to be placed behind the police station.
 - e. It will be the responsibility of the Commission to collect recyclables and put in the roll-off. The Commission will ask Carol Lyons to make signage for the barrels.
 - f. It was agreed to have a free raffle to encourage people to fill out the survey.
 - g. George moved that the Foster Conservation Commission permit Marcia to spend \$100 on nature books for the free raffle. Scott seconded the motion with the amendment that Marcia could add other nature related materials at her discretion. The motion was passed unanimously. Mike Wood, *aye*, Chris Iozzi *aye*, Scott Ulricksen *aye*, George Christie *aye*, Marcia Bowden *aye*.
2. Mike requested that Marcia send a formal letter to Ann-Marie responding to her letter of June 18, 2007, stating that the Commission will be more than happy to assist her in her endeavors.
3. Formation of a recycling subcommittee was tabled until the next meeting.

H. Future Agenda Items

- Formation of recycling subcommittee
- George's compilation of tasks that the Commission is charged with
- George's report of the environmental subcommittee report

I. Adjournment

Marcia moved to adjourn the meeting. Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mike Wood *aye*, Chris Iozzi *aye*, Scott Ulricksen *aye*, George Christie *aye*, Marcia Bowden *aye*. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Bowden
Secretary