



**FOSTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES – October 15, 2007**  
**Benjamin Eddy Building, 7:00 pm**

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**A. Call to Order**

Scott Ulricksen, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**B. Roll Call**

Members present: Scott Ulricksen, Vice Chair; Marcia Bowden, Secretary; Chris Iozzi, Lucy Mintern. Mike Wood and Judy Helfgott were excused.

**C. Minutes**

The minutes of September 17, 2007, were tabled until the next meeting due to lack of quorum of members present at the September 17th meeting.

**D. Correspondence**

- George Christie's resignation. Marcia Bowden moved to send letter of appreciation for service. Chris Iozzi seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Scott Ulricksen aye, Chris Iozzi aye, Lucy Mintern aye, Marcia Bowden aye.
- DEM Notification, Central Pike ó noted
- RIRRC monthly report ó noted. Lucy Mintern asked about recycling pickup every week. Marcia Bowden replied that it is part of the trash hauler's contract with the Town Council. She mentioned that she had discussed this with Sarah Kite at RIRRC, who said that the long term benefits of extra cost result in savings with more recycling. Lucy will call Sarah Kite at RIRRC for more details and will prepare statistical analysis.
- Recycling Catalog ó Chris Iozzi will read the catalogue to determine if any items are suitable for purchase.
- RI Natural History Lecture Series ó noted
- Landscape Architecture Lectures ó noted

ACTION ITEMS:      Marcia ó letter to George  
   Lucy ó contact Sarah Kite  
   Chris ó suggestions from catalogue, if any

**E. Reports**

**Marcia Bowden**

- Planning Board Report ó Review of Proposed Amendments Providing for Conservation Development for land development and subdivision regulations. Presented by Tony Lachowicz, planning consultant. Discussed by planning board members.
- Rte 6 Rezoning Report ó Prioritized development of the nodes. First being the zone both north and south of Rte 6 at the corner of Cucumber Hill. Second: Land around the Catholic church and the Backdraft. Third: Marv's, Sue-Anns, Village Inn. Discussed date for informational public hearing.
- RIRRC Grant Report ó Described educational portion of the grant: experiential learning activities to study Foster's waste management from Native American times to present day.

**Scott Ulricksen**

- Scott will meet with Bob Clarkin, DPW director to discuss ride-along program, and to discuss the proposed paving program.

ACTION ITEMS: Scott to contact Mr. Clarkin

**F. Old Business**

Ways of the Woods trailer display. Marcia Bowden moved to refund Randy Rossi \$200 for the Ways of the Woods. Lucy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Scott Ulricksen aye, Chris Iozzi aye, Lucy Mintern aye, Marcia Bowden, aye.

ACTION ITEMS: Marcia to notify Randy of this decision.

**G. New Business**

Land Trust Liaison: Chris Iozzi moved to make Lucy Mintern Land Trust Liaison pending her appointment as regular member by the Town Council with understanding that Land Trust duties are secondary to those of Conservation Commission. Marcia Bowden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Scott Ulricksen aye, Chris Iozzi aye, Lucy Mintern aye, Marcia Bowden aye.

Budget discussion: Marcia Bowden distributed copies of the budget. It was agreed that a subcommittee be established to determine the focus of financial needs as related to the goals of Commission. Lucy Mintern, Marcia Bowden, and Scott Ulricksen volunteered for the subcommittee. Marcia and Lucy will set the time of first meeting. Marcia will notify Scott of time and place.

ACTION ITEMS: Lucy and Marcia determine time of meeting, notify Scott. Meet and prepare initial report for November meeting.

Membership discussion: Marcia Bowden reviewed her discussions with the Town Council, the *Foster Home Journal* article, and the letter to volunteers. Marcia distributed the list of members and term expirations. She discussed the problems with attendance and involvement. Discussion of lack of focus of Commission and yet again, another discussion of need to define specific goals. Marcia said that at this point two meetings a month were probably necessary. Scott, Chris, and Lucy agreed and each agreed to attend. Chris Iozzi volunteered to draw an advertisement to recruit members for the November issue of the *Foster Home Journal*. Lucy Mintern moved that the Commission spend the \$102 for the ad. Marcia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Scott Ulricksen aye, Chris Iozzi aye, Lucy Mintern aye, Marcia Bowden aye.

ACTION ITEMS: Chris to draw and submit ad to the *Foster Home Journal*. Lucy and Marcia to discuss goals of Commission.

**H. Future Agenda Items**

- Discussion of stonewall initiatives; meeting with Scituate Conservation Commission
- Progress report on narrowing Commission goals and objectives ó Lucy and Marcia
- Progress report on recycling pickup ó Lucy
- Budget ó Lucy, Scott, Marcia

**I. Adjournment**

Lucy Mintern moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.. Chris Iozzi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Scott Ulricksen aye, Chris Iozzi aye, Lucy Mintern aye, Marcia Bowden, aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Bowden