

Foster Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 15, 2008
Ben Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, 7:00 p.m.

(Draft)

A. Call to Order/ Roll Call

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Scott Ulricksen, Vice Chair; Sisan Smallman, Secretary; Mike Wood; Chris Iozzi.

Absent: Kathryn Zuromski.

B. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of November 24, 2008 were briefly discussed and approved. Mike recommended that the issue of responsibility for recycling be placed on the January 2009 agenda.

MOTION: Mike made a motion to approve the minutes; motion seconded by Chris. Vote called; all votes in favor; none opposed. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Reports

- **Budget Committee.** No report. Mike will follow through on finding out about expenses for Old Home Days, which were supposed to have been taken out of FY 2008 funds.
- **By-Laws Committee.** The pending status of the proposed by-laws was reviewed. Ann-Marie Ignasher has not yet considered them.
- **Environmental Inventory.** No report due to Kathryn's absence.
- **Planning Board (Liaison).** No report due to Kathryn's absence.
- **Land Trust (Liaison).** No report. A new liaison will need to be identified in Lucy's place.
- **DPW (Liaison).** No report.

D. Old Business

- **"Trash Rat" Funding.** Chris was informed that money from the recycling effort is put into the FCC budget for the Trash Rat. Mike will follow through to see if any additional funding might be available from the Town Council. Chris is working on the January edition, incorporating the errant emu as a prop to highlight using stickers to identify trash barrels being used for overflow recycling.
- **Composting Presentation.** No new information.
- **Membership Expiration.** Scott has sent a request to Tina Freeman to have the Town Council reappoint him to the Commission. We need to recruit for our 2 vacancies.

E. Current Incoming Correspondence

- All current incoming correspondence was available for review by members.

F. New Business

- **Rescheduling of Meetings.** Mike noted that the Eddy Building has been reserved for 2009 meetings of the Commission, including 2 dates rescheduled so as not to conflict with holidays: January 20 instead of January 19, and February 17 instead of February 16.

MOTION: Mike made a motion to formally adopt the rescheduled meeting dates; Sisan seconded the motion. Vote called; all those voting in favor; none opposed; no abstentions. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Other Issues.** Scott suggested that a letter of appreciation for Lucy Minturn be prepared. Sisan offered to draft such a letter.

G. Future Agenda Items

- Election of officers.
- Discussion of responsibility for recycling.
- Planning for the birdhouse/ bat house workshop.
- Exploration of possible ways to encourage preservation of stone walls.
- Land Trust liaison.

H. Adjournment

MOTION: Chris made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Mike. Vote called; all members in favor; none opposed; no abstentions. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sisan Smallman, Secretary

NEXT MEETING:

***Foster Conservation Commission
Tuesday, January 20, 2009
7:00 p.m.***

***Ben Eddy Building
Foster, RI***