

**Foster Conservation Commission  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 29, 2009  
Ben Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, 7:00 p.m.**

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*(Approved)*

**A. Call to Order/ Roll Call.**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Present (4):** Mike Wood, Chair; Scott Ulricksen, Vice Chair; Sisan Smallman, Secretary; Kathryn Zuromski.

**Excused:** Louis Vinagro.

**Absent:** Chris Iozzi.

**Vacant (1)**

**B. Approval of Minutes.**

Minutes from the meeting of June 15, 2009 were briefly discussed, and a minor change was suggested by Kathryn. Only two of the members were present for the meeting in question, and the vote on approval was held for the next meeting.

**C. Reports.**

- **Environmental Inventory.** Kat has not had the opportunity to copy the disc of the Green Space presentation, but will do so when possible.
- **Planning Board.** Kat has been unable to attend the meetings, which take place once a month, plus workshops.
- **Land Trust Liaison.** Not present.
- **DPW Liaison.** No report.

**D. Old Business.**

- **Asian Long Horned Beetle.** As reported last month, Lou believes he will be able to obtain a display for the OHD from the NRICD. Kat will also follow up with her contacts. At the last meeting, Chris mentioned that the Land Trust is hoping to set up a wood inspection station with DEM. Kat has picture cards, and may be able to get temporary tattoos for the kids.
- **Foster Stone Wall Preservation and Protection Ordinance.** The wording has been changed only in respect to identifying abutting roads as "any and all public roads."

**MOTION:** Sisan made a motion to approve the proposal to preserve and protect stone walls, and to forward the matter to Planning for review for possible adoption as Town ordinance; motion seconded by Kat.

**Discussion and amendment:** Scott suggested that the wording should reference "any public roads" rather than "any and all". He

made a **MOTION** to that effect, seconded by Kat, to amend the original motion. Vote called; all votes in favor; none opposed; no abstentions; **MOTION** amended by unanimous vote.

**AMENDED MOTION:** Vote called; all votes in favor; none opposed; no abstentions. **AMENDED MOTION passed by unanimous vote.**

- **Planning and Preparation for OHD.** Members made preliminary plans for availability to set up the display, staff the booth, and break down after the fair. Kat is planning to prepare several display items. Sisan will obtain books for the raffle. Scott may be able to set up some audiovisual displays. We'd like to have handouts for the 7 marked trails in Foster. Plans for staffing will be finalized at the July 20 meeting.

#### **E. New Business.**

- Kathryn is looking for volunteers to assist with the Stream Continuity Project to evaluate the severity of barriers to wildlife passage in the Moosup River watershed. She will prepare some information on this for OHD.
- **Reduction of Total Trash.** For 2010, the Town's cap is going to drop by 122 tons. A display for OHD informing people that trash costs them money would be a good idea – along with information on the alternatives of composting and recycling. There was brief discussion about fee-for-trash programs being considered in other towns.
- **Printing and Mailing Costs.** Mike provided information on costs for independent printing and mailing, as well as costs of "stuffies" in the FHJ. Each option is pretty expensive compared to purchase of ad space in the FHJ. Mike also had some information on a company that will set up mattress collection sites for a fee.

#### **F. Correspondence.**

No new correspondence this week.

#### **G. Future Agenda Items.**

- **OHD.**
- **Future Event Planning.** Possibilities include guided walking tours, joint projects with Land Trust and Farm and Forest Coalition.
- **E-Mail List.** Collection of names at OHD and through other means for information about events and information.

#### **H. Adjournment.**

**MOTION:** Sisan made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Kathryn. Vote called; all in favor; none opposed; no abstentions. **Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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*Sisan Smallman, Secretary*

***NEXT MEETING:***

***Foster Conservation Commission***

***July 20, 2009***

***7:00 p.m.***

***Ben Eddy Building***

***Foster, RI***