

FOSTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 19, 2010

Ben Eddy Building, 181 Howard Hill Road, 7:00 p.m.

(Approved)

A. Call to Order/ Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present (6): Scott Ulricksen, Chair; Chris Iozzi, Vice Chair; Sisan Smallman, Secretary; Lou Vinagro; Kathryn Zuromski; Patrick Eaton, New Member.

Excused/ Absent (0)

Vacant (1)

B. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from March 22, 2010 were reviewed.

MOTION: Chris made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of March 22, 2010; motion seconded by Lou. Vote called; all in favor; none opposed; no abstentions.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

C. Reports

- **Environmental Inventory/ Planning Board.** Prior to the meeting, Kat had sent out a general summary of the Route 6 Proposal, which members reviewed. She indicated that details are being developed. She urged other members to attend meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month (workshops) and/or 3rd Wednesday (public meeting).
- **Land Trust.** Chris reported that the LT is discussing potential new purchases and dealing with perennial problems of maintaining the trails. He has an updated, detailed book of maps and other information on the trails.
- **Recycling/ DPW.** Lou reports that Rambone is all set to deliver containers for Earth Day. Members expressed appreciation to Lou for having secured and arranged a grant to cover tipping fees. After the last collection cycle, letters were sent out to notify residents who were non-compliant

with recycling (25% of homes); hopefully, this will help to improve compliance. Rambone is no longer picking up mattresses, e-waste, yard waste, and other items that need to be specially disposed of, and leave a bright sticker to inform the resident.

- **Trash Rat.** No discussion.

D. Old Business

- **Foster Stone Wall Preservation and Protection Ordinance.** Scott has not yet contacted Anne-Marie.
- **Walks in Foster.** Kat noted that she has access to a GPS that could be used to mark features of interest on the trails. Patrick reported the Gloucester LT is conducting the sort of community walks that our members have expressed interest in organizing. FCC members would like to consider a joint venture with the LT to organize and conduct public walks to enhance community use of the trails and to identify and map features. Chris will discuss feasibility and interest by the LT.
- **Land and Water Conservation Summit.** No members were available to attend this year.
- **No Bin/ No Trash Proposals.** North Providence is the latest community to institute this policy. According to an article in the ProJo, the non-compliance rate there is 10% at the outset.
- **Bluebird and Bat House Workshop Review.** All those who signed up ahead of time attended the workshop and were assisted in completing kits (which had been prepared by Scott with donated materials). Scott followed up in person with a couple of residents. Members expressed appreciation to Scott for his role, and wondered if we could increase participation for next year and ensure availability for all interested residents.

E. New Business

- **Earth Day Planning.** Members reviewed the coverage schedule for Saturday and Sunday at the DPW. Lou brought

stacks of brochures for distribution. Sisan will provide a folding table and sign-up sheet for e-mail or other contacts.

- Lou indicated he just did an article for the FHJ regarding the many ways of reusing many items through yard sales, donations, etc.

F. Correspondence

Current correspondence was available for review; no action needed.

G. Future Agenda Items

- Old Home Days Planning

H. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sisan Smallman, Secretary

NEXT MEETING:

***Foster Conservation Commission
Monday, May 17, 2010***

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