



Foster Conservation Commission

Town of Foster
Benjamin Eddy Building
6 South Killingly Road
Foster, RI 02825

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, December 20, 2010

Location: Benjamin Eddy Building
6 South Killingly Road
Foster, RI 02825

A. Call to Order/ Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present (4): Chris Iozzi, Chair/Secretary; Lou Vinagro, Vice Chair; Patrick Eaton; Brendan Mara

Excused (0)

Absent (0)

Vacant (3)

Visiting (0)

B. Election of Secretary

- Chris requested that a permanent Secretary be elected to serve the Conservation Commission.

MOTION: Patrick made a motion to elect Brendan to serve as Secretary; the motion was seconded by Lou. Vote called; all in favor; none opposed; no abstentions. **Motion passed - unanimous vote.**

C. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from November meeting were unavailable and will be submitted for review and approval at the next Conservation Commission Meeting.

D. Reports

- Planning Board Liaison:** Brendan reported that the Conservation Commission had not been requested to review any of the subdivision/zoning proposals currently being reviewed by the Planning Board.
- Land Trust Liaison:** Chris was unable to attend the last meeting, however, he provided the meeting minutes for review. At the next Land Trust meeting he plans to suggest holding joint public walks or other similar events in 2011.
- Recycling/ DPW Liaison:** Lou reported that the DPW has cleaned the Pods and seems to be keeping up with the work. He also reported a town-wide 'Recycling Day' has been scheduled for April 23, 2010. The Conservation Commission will formalize a PR campaign for this and other upcoming activities at the next scheduled meeting.

E. Old Business

- Crispy Property Subdivision Review:** No further discussion was held on this business.
- Land Trust Property Walks:** Discussed during Land Trust Liaison Report (see above).



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- **DPW E-Waste Pods:** Discussed during Recycling/DPW Liaison Report (see above).

F. New Business

- **Budget Review:** The annual budget was not reviewed at this meeting; the Conservation Commission plans to review the annual budget at the next scheduled meeting as part of the comprehensive PR campaign planned for 2011 scheduled events.
- **Quarterly and Yearly Reports:** Chris informed the Conservation Commission that he will be preparing Quarterly and Yearly Reports to present at the next scheduled meeting for review and approval.
- **Other Concerns:** Lou mentioned that there may be Black Bears present in Foster; this could be a potential topic for future Community Outreach education efforts.

G. Correspondence

- **New Correspondence:** No correspondence was available for discussion at this meeting.

G. Future Agenda Items

- **Blue Bird/Bat House Projects:** A tentative date of 04/02/2011 was set for the annual blue bird and bat house projects; details will be finalized at the next scheduled meeting.
- **New ConCom Projects:** No specific new projects were discussed, however, a general strategy for increasing the visibility and exposure of Conservation Commission projects will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting, including a PR campaign for 2011 scheduled events.

H. Adjournment

- **MOTION:** Brendan made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Patrick. Vote called; all in favor; none opposed; no abstentions. **Motion passed - unanimous vote.**
The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next Meeting - Foster Conservation Commission

Date: Monday, February 07, 2011

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Respectfully Submitted,

Brendan S. Mara
Secretary