



Foster Conservation Commission

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 07, 2011

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 7:06 p.m.

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

Excused (0)

Absent (0)

Vacant (3)

Visiting (0)

B. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from December meeting were submitted for review and approval.

MOTION: Lou made a motion to approve the meeting minutes; motion seconded by Patrick.
Vote called; all in favor; none opposed; no abstentions.

Motion passed - unanimous vote.

C. Reports

- **Planning Board Liaison:** Brendan was unable to attend the last meeting, however, he reported that the Conservation Commission had been requested to review the subdivision/zoning proposal for the Costa/Blue Dog Development Major subdivision.
- **Land Trust Liaison:** Chris was unable to attend the last meeting; nothing to report.
- **Recycling/ DPW Liaison:**
 - Lou reported that the Earth Day Recycling Events will be held on 4/23/2011 as previously discussed. Lou reported that EcoDepot will be sponsoring and advertising one day of the event; this is a substantial cost benefit to the Town, however, it means that the event will be open to residents from adjoining towns.
 - Lou reported that he is identified a grant from RIDEM for funding Earth Day activities. Lou will apply for the grant, valued at \$750, and if successful a second day will be added to the Earth Day event on 4/24/2011 open only to Foster residents and open to disposing of tires in addition to other household waste.
 - Lou will speak with the Foster Home Journal about a full page ad in the March edition (315\$) to advertise the event; EcoDepot will advertise in the April edition of the Foster Home Journal. Lou will confirm that the ads will be in different issues prior to finalizing the order.
 - A seedling sale will be held on 4/22/2011 in Johnston, RI – more information to follow.



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D. Old Business

- **Past Meeting Minutes:** Meeting Minutes for November Meeting are not available; Chris will complete Minutes and submit them at the March meeting.
- **Crispi Property Subdivision Review:** No further action required; nothing to report.
- **Land Trust Property Walks:** No action taken; nothing to report.
- **Quarterly/Yearly Reports:** No action taken; nothing to report.
- **Earth Day Trash Collection – Budget Review:** Issue discussed during Recycling/DPW Liaison report; no additional information to report.

E. New Business

- **Old Home Days Planning:** No action taken; nothing to report.
- **Bluebird/Bat House Planning:**
 - Patrick reported that the Bluebird/Bat House projects will be held as scheduled on 4/2/2011; tentatively the event will run from 10am through 2pm.
 - The event will be advertised in conjunction with the Earth Day ads being submitted to the Foster Home Journal by Lou.
 - Patrick will contact Scott for assistance with the event and to determine whether any materials remain from last years event.
 - Chris is to confirm the facility is available for the event on this day/time.
- **Quarterly and Yearly Reports:** No action taken; nothing to report.
- **Other Concerns:** No action taken; nothing to report.

F. Correspondence

- **New Correspondence:** No new correspondence was available at this time; nothing to report.

G. Future Agenda Items

- **Snowshoe Hike:** Potential collaborative event with the Land Trust in the future; more information to follow at future meeting.
- **Facebook Page:** Lou suggested the Foster Conservation Commission establish a Facebook page to increase visibility and to publicize events; Brendan agreed to pursue establishing a page.

H. New ConCom Projects

- **Costa /Blue Dog Development Property:** At the request of the Foster Planning Board, the Commission reviewed the Application for Major Subdivision made by Costa/Blue Dog Development for the property located at Plat No. 18, Lot No. 25 in the Town of Foster, observations include:
 - The proposed development involves several detention ponds to control sedimentation of adjacent wetlands; the plans indicate these structures will be maintained by the Town of Foster. Plans must be in place to ensure long term maintenance of this new drainage infrastructure is properly managed to minimize impact on wetlands.
 - Existing stone walls on the property should be preserved and protected where possible.



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- The proposed driveway for Parcel 5 directly abuts a wetland; measures should be taken to move this hardscape away from the wetland and increase separation buffer.
- The septic system for Parcel 4 appears closer than allowed to wetland; the engineer should review this condition and relocate the septic system as required.

Brendan will prepare a formal report which summarizes the Commission's review and submit it to the Planning Board before the February 16, 2011 meeting.

MOTION: Lou made a motion to approve a report summarizing the Conservation Commission subdivision review and to submit the report to the Planning Board; motion seconded by Patrick. Vote called; all in favor; none opposed; no abstentions.

Motion passed - unanimous vote.

I. 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 7:55 p.m.

Next Meeting - Foster Conservation Commission

Date: Monday, March 21, 2011

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Respectfully Submitted,

Brendan S. Mara
Secretary