



Foster Conservation Commission

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, June 18, 2012

Location: Benjamin Eddy Building
6 South Killingly Road
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A. Call to Order/ Roll Call

- The Chair confidently called the meeting to order at 7:05 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. Approval of Minutes

- **Minutes:** Minutes from the February 2012 meeting were presented for review and approval.
- **MOTION:** Lou made a motion to approve the minutes with the date corrected; the motion was seconded by Patrick. Vote called; all in favor with none opposed and no abstentions.
Motion passed – unanimous vote.
- **Minutes:** Minutes from the May 2012 meeting were presented for review and approval.
- **MOTION:** Lou made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted; the motion was seconded by Patrick. Vote called; all in favor with none opposed and no abstentions.
Motion passed – unanimous vote.

C. Reports

- **Planning Board Liaison:** Brendan reported that there was no new information from the Foster Planning Board to report.
- **Land Trust Liaison:** Chris reported that there was no new information from the Foster Land Trust to report. .
- **Recycling/ DPW Liaison:** Lou reported on information received from the DPW and on current recycling trends.
 - Single-stream recycling is up and running in the Town of Foster; expect a RIRRC ‘Shock & Awe’ advertising campaign, including magnets, to begin shortly.
 - The Town of Scituate has reached out to the Foster Conservation Commission to participate in a ‘Recycling Day’ event to be held at Scituate High School on 9/27/2012. Lou will follow up with Brenda Frederickson for more information.

D. Old Business

- **Municipal Recycling Report:** The latest reports indicate that recycling rates are still well below the target rates and that the town has exceeded the tipping limits for the year; single stream recycling should help to improve rates.



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- **Budget Review:** The Foster Conservation Commission reviewed the budget update provided by the Town of Foster.
 - Lou purchased a digital picture frame for use at the Old Home Days display; reimbursement pending.
 - The Conservation Commission will purchase an advertisement in the July 2012 Foster Home Journal for the Old Home Days 2012 display.

E. New Business

- **Review of Responsibility of Foster Conservation Commission – Foster Town Charter:** Nothing to report; discussion tabled for further consideration at future meetings on an ‘as needed’ basis.
- **Joint Projects with Land Trust:** Nothing to report; discussion tabled for further consideration at future meetings when a representative of the Foster Land Trust is in attendance.
- **2012 Old Home Days Planning:** A brief discussion of 2012 Old Home Days plans took place.
 - Lou recommended that the Foster Conservation Commission purchase an updated, portable display board; Lou and Chris to develop design.
 - The following items will be donated/provided for Old Home Days and raffled off to attendees: (2) Rain Barrels from Full Circle Recycling, (1) Compost Bin from Full Circle Recycling, (2) Bluebird houses from Patrick Eaton, (1) Woodpecker feeder from Patrick Eaton. Additional items may be included in raffle as plans solidify.
- **July Column/Article in Foster Home Journal**
 - Brendan reported that no article was submitted for the July edition of the Foster Home Journal.
- **2012 Newsletter:** A brief discussion of possible content and imagery for the Old Home Days Newsletter took place.
 - Brendan confirmed that he is presently working on articles and images for the newsletter.

F. Correspondence

- **New Correspondence:** A brief discussion of recent correspondence took place.
 - Lou distributed bootleg magnets from the RIRRC on single-stream recycling do’s and don’t’s; a full roll-out of the information campaign will begin in June.

G. Future Agenda Items

- **New Commissioner Training & Recruitment:** Discussion tabled for further consideration at the July meeting.
- **Comprehensive List of Volunteer Service Projects – Conservation Commission:** Discussion tabled for further consideration at the July meeting.
- **2013 Environmental Day Waste Collection Event:** Discussion tabled for further consideration at the July meeting.
- **Comprehensive Plan Review:** Discussion tabled for further consideration at the July meeting.



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H. New Conservation Commission Projects

- **Seagrave Observatory:** Chris reported that he attended an event at the Seagrave Observatory and found it very illuminating; additional discussion will take place at future meetings on possible collaborative efforts with the facility and the astronomers.

I. Adjournment

- **MOTION:** Brendan put forth a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion swiftly seconded by Lou. Vote called; all in favor; none opposed; no abstentions. **Motion passed - unanimous vote.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Next Meeting - Foster Conservation Commission

Date: Monday, July 16, 2012

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brendan S. Mara".

Brendan S. Mara
Secretary