



Foster Conservation Commission

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, July 16, 2012

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

A. Call to Order/ Roll Call

- The Chair boisterously called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 June 2012 meeting were not available at this meeting and will be presented at the August meeting for review and approval.

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 that there was no new information from the DPW/Recycling to report.

D. Old Business

- **Municipal Recycling Report:** The latest reports indicate that recycling rates are still holding steady below the target rates, however, any boost from single stream recycling should be apparent in the next few months.
- **Budget Review:** Chris reported that there was no new information to report on the Budget for this meeting.
- **Pending Legislation – RI State Senate Bill S2616 & State House Bill H7866:** Brendan reported that there was no new information to report on the pending legislation.

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.



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- Lou and Chris are continuing to develop the design for the portable display board.
- Chris reported that the digital picture frame has been tested and works great; he has begun collecting photos for display.
- Brendan requested that the Foster Conservation Commission collect names/contact information from attendees in exchange for raffle tickets.
- Old Home Days staffing was settled:
 - Thursday 7/26/2012 (Setup) – Lou will arrive before 5pm to unload materials from Town House; Patrick, Brendan, and Chris will come later to assist with setup.
 - Friday 7/27/2012 (Event) – Lou will staff the booth from 5pm through closing time
 - Saturday 7/28/2012 (Event) – Patrick will staff the booth from 12pm through 4pm; Chris will staff the booth from 5pm through closing time.
 - Sunday 7/29/2012 (Event) – Brendan will staff the booth from 12pm through closing time.
 - Monday 7/30/2012 (Breakdown) – Lou will arrive before 5pm to load the display information back into the Town House.
- Saturday evening raffles will include 1 Rain Barrel, 1 Compost Bin, 1 Bluebird House, and 1 Champion Tree Booklet
- Sunday evening raffles will include 1 Rain Barrel, 1 Woodpecker Feeder, 1 Bluebird House, and 1 Champion Tree Booklet
- **August Column/Article in Foster Home Journal**
 - Brendan reported that an article was in the works for inclusion in the August 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:** No new correspondence was presented for discussion at this meeting.

G. Future Agenda Items

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



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H. New Conservation Commission Projects

- **Seagrave Observatory:** Chris proposed that the Foster Conservation Commission purchase a membership to the Seagrave Observatory to facilitate future events.
MOTION: Brendan put forth a motion to purchase a group membership for the Foster Conservation Commission at the Seagrave Observatory for the express purpose of developing astronomy/stargazing programming for the Townspeople of Foster; motion seconded by Lou. Vote called; all in favor; none opposed; no abstentions. **Motion passed - unanimous vote.**

I. Adjournment

- **MOTION:** Brendan put forth a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion enthusiastically seconded by Lou. Vote called; all in favor; none opposed; no abstentions. **Motion passed - unanimous vote.**
The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next Meeting - Foster Conservation Commission

Date: Monday, August 20, 2012

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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brendan S. Mara".

Brendan S. Mara
Secretary