



Foster Conservation Commission

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

Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 18, 2013

Location: Ben Eddy Building – Howard Hill Road
Foster, RI 02825

A. Call to Order/ Roll Call

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

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

Excused (0)

Absent (0)

Vacant (3)

Visiting (0)

B. Approval of Minutes

- **Minutes:** Minutes from the January 2013 meeting were presented for review and approval.
- **MOTION:** Lou made a motion to approve the minutes January 2013 as submitted; the motion was seconded by Todd. Vote called; all in favor; none opposed; 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 noted that the PWSB is in preliminary discussions to potentially seek the transfer of property to compensate PWSB for past taxes overpaid to the Town of Foster; Chris will continue to monitor the situation and advise on updates.
- **Recycling/ DPW Liaison:**
 - Lou reported that there was no new information from the DPW/Recycling to report.
 - Earth Day / Recycling Day set for April 27th, 2013.

D. Old Business

- **Quarterly Reports for 2012**
 - Chris noted that quarterly reports have been submitted for Q1 to Q4 of 2012; we will attempt to stay current on report filing moving forward.
- **Municipal Recycling Report:** The latest reports indicate that recycling rates are still holding steady below the target rates despite the introduction of single stream recycling.
- **Budget Review:** Chris reported that there was no new information to report on the Budget for this meeting.
- **Letter to Town Council – New Conservation Commission Members:** The Foster Conservation Commission's letter was read; no new members to report thus far.

E. New Business



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- **Joint Projects with Outside Groups:** Nothing new to report at this meeting.
- **March Column/Article in Foster Home Journal**
 - Brendan reported that an article had been submitted for inclusion in the March edition of the Foster Home Journal – topics included Earth Day cleanup event, Backyard Habitat workshop, introducing new members, and thanking members who have stepped down.
- **2013 Backyard Habitat Workshop**
 - April 06, 2013 from 11am through 1pm at Woody Lowden
 - Birdhouses Only – Brendan to begin advertising and tracking attendance so that enough kits are available.
- **2013 Earth Day Trash Collection Event**
 - Event to be held on April 27, 2013 – more information to be added at March meeting.
- **Letter to Town Council – New Conservation Commission Members:** No additional action required at this time.
- **RI Land & Water Conservation Summit**
 - The Conservation Commission will be sending (3) members (CI, BM, TS) to the RI Land & Water Conservation Summit to be held at URI on March 9, 2013.

F. Correspondence

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

G. Future Agenda Items

- **Comprehensive List of Volunteer Service Projects – Conservation Commission:** Discussion tabled for further consideration at the March meeting.
- **2013 Old Home Days Event Planning:** Discussion tabled for further consideration at the March meeting.
- **2013 Newsletter Planning:** Discussion tabled for further consideration at the March meeting.
- **Pending Legislation:** Discussion tabled for further consideration at the March meeting.

H. New Conservation Commission Projects

- **Owl Presentation** – Todd to speak with owl presenter about possible additional speaking event catered to adults.
- No new Conservation Commission projects were presented; discussion tabled for further consideration at the March meeting.

I. Adjournment

- **MOTION:** Todd nobley 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 7:50 p.m.

Next Meeting - Foster Conservation Commission



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Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Brendan S. Mara'.

Brendan S. Mara
Secretary