

Foster Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 17, 2009
Ben Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, 7:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order/ Roll Call.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Present (4): Mike Wood, Chair; Scott Ulricksen, Vice Chair; Sisan Smallman, Secretary; Chris Iozzi.

Excused (2): Lou Vinagro; Kathryn Zuromski.

Vacant (1)

Mike informed members that due to health issues, he will not be renewing his membership or chairmanship in January 2010, and he is beginning preparations to move out of state. Members expressed regret that he would be leaving, and appreciation for all his efforts.

B. Approval of Minutes.

Minutes from the meeting of July 29, 2009 were briefly discussed and approved.

MOTION: Chris made a motion to approve the minutes of July 29, 2009; motion seconded by Scott. Vote called; all in favor; none opposed; no abstentions. **Motion passed unanimously.**

C. Reports.

- **Environmental Inventory.** No new information.
- **Planning Board.** No new information.
- **Land Trust Liaison.** No new information. LT has had ongoing executive sessions regarding potential purchase of a piece of property.
- **DPW Liaison.** No new information.

D. Old Business.

- **Foster Stone Wall Preservation and Protection Ordinance.** The proposal has been forwarded to Planning for review and consideration, and will be discussed formally at the meeting on August 19, 2009. Mike and Sisan plan to attend.

***Post Meeting:** The Planning Board was receptive to the ideas presented in the proposed ordinance, but raised questions about possible oversight and enforcement issues. A joint meeting was scheduled for October 7, 2009 for the Planning Board and Conservation Commission to work on refining the proposal.*

- **Asian Long-Horned Beetle.** Mike proposed arranging an informational meeting for Town residents, in coordination with NRICD and DEM/ Forestry. Scott suggested that broadening the topic to other invasive species might add to the appeal. Mike will discuss with NRICD.
- **Review of O.H.D.** Members thought the displays and response were successful. New displays helped update the booth. Kids enjoyed the "game" of matching

animals and habitats. Visitors were excited about the collection of books with local RI interest, and responded well to the digital photo display. The Trash Rat posters were a hit as well.

D. New Business

- **Planning for Future Events.** RIRRC might be a resource for an informational meeting on e-waste and other specialized recycling and disposal.
- **Development of E-Mail Contact List.** Only a few names have been gathered to date, and efforts should continue at all FCC events to build the contact list over time.

E. Correspondence.

- **RIRRC report.** Members reviewed rates of recycling and total trash disposal.

F. Adjournment.

MOTION: Sisan made a motion to adjourn; motion seconded by Chris. Vote called; all in favor; none opposed; no abstentions. **Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sisan Smallman, Secretary

NEXT MEETINGS:

***Foster Conservation Commission
September 21, 2009
7:00 p.m.***

***Ben Eddy Building
Foster, RI***

***Joint Meeting: Foster Conservation Commission and Planning Board
October 7, 2009
7:00 p.m.***

***Ben Eddy Building
Foster, RI***