

**Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 11, 2011**  
**Town Hall Meeting Room, Old Town Rd.**  
**5:30pm**

**Present:** Members: Chair Ned Phillips Jr., John Hopf, David Roosa, Leslie Slate, Fred Leeder, and Marea Mott. **Absent:** Donald Littlefield. Also present was Chris Warfel and Terri Chmiel for the recording of the minutes.

**Call to Order**

Chair Mr. Phillips, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:32p.m.

**Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2010**

A motion was made by Mr. Hopf and seconded by Mr. Leeder to approve the minutes of December 14, 2010, with a minor change in wording. The motion carried with all in favor.

6 Ayes (Phillips, Hopf, Roosa, Slate, Leeder, Mott)                      0 Nays  
1 Absence (Littlefield)

**Discussion of correspondence received from Chris Warfel dated November 18, 2010 regarding oyster habitat restoration**

Mr. Warfel spoke about how to restore the health and habitat of the Great Salt Pond through a cultch restoration program. Discussion ensued regarding:

- Cultch storage space of 4' x 75'
- Location sites to store the cultch
- Collecting the cultch

Mr. Warfel will send additional information regarding the restoration and will forward the information to Mr. Phillips. As a committee the board will write a letter to the Town Council that they are in support of the restoration.

**Update on funding for dune restoration and repair of access points**

Mr. Phillips, Jr. reported that Mr. Thomas Allan donated \$1,000.00 to the dune restoration project. With the donated money, Highway Superintendant Mike Shea ordered ten (10) rolls of fifty (50) feet snow fencing at a cost of \$750.00 leaving \$250.00 to purchased stakes. Mr. Hopf informed the board that he sent a letter to BIRA and the Block Island Conservancy. The BI Conservancy sent a note they will not donate unless they own the land. Mr. Phillips, Jr. stated that another person would like to contribute \$500.00 towards the Coonymus Road beach access, but would like in writing a promise that the path would not be widen. Mr. Leeder said that he was not in support of making this promise in which Mr. Slate concurred.

**Discussion of Hazard Mitigation meeting**

Mr. Leeder informed the board that the December 16, 2010 Hazard Mitigation meeting was lightly attended with no report at this time.

**Act on 2011 Annual Meeting Schedule**

The board will meet the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 on the following dates:

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| January 11 | July 12      |
| February 8 | August 9     |
| March 8    | September 13 |
| April 12   | October 11   |
| May 10     | November 8   |
| June 14    | December 13  |

**Old Business**

No old business to discuss at this time

**New Business**

Mr. Phillips asked if the board should consider taking a stand on the deer problem. After discussion ensued this item will be tabled.

Mr. Hopf presented drawings of the sidewalk at the corner of the Surf Hotel. The plans include a 50' sidewalk, location of telescopes, and steps down to the beach. Mr. Slate acknowledged that historically steps were located at this site and he will bring in a photo documenting this area to the next meeting.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25p.m. in a motion by Mr. Phillips, Jr. seconded by Mr. Slate and voted unanimously.

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| 6 Ayes (Phillips, Hopf, Roosa, Slate, Leeder, Mott) | 0 Nays |
| 1 Absence (Littlefield)                             |        |

Respectfully submitted  
Terri L. Chmiel

Minutes approved: March 8, 2011