

Cumberland Conservation Commission

The regular meeting of the Cumberland Conservation Commission was called to order by chairperson Julie Guerin on October 9, 2008 at 7 pm at the Community House in Arnold Mills. Also present were secretary Lucille Martin, Frank Geary, George Gettinger, and John Monaghan. The guest for the evening was Jack Carol, a boy scout from Troop One Arnold Mills, who is working on a conservation badge. Members told Jack about the duties fo the Conservation Commission. Jack participated in the meeting and made suggestions when asked.

Franklin Farm

11,500 pounds of food were produced this year. The farm will be harvested and planted with winter rye. \$1,900.00 was collected at the vegetable stand and will be used for start up expenses for next year.

Fish Ladders

Frank showed the new video that was produced for fund raising for Fish Ladders on the Blackstone. \$2.8 million is still needed. Jack volunteered to help Frank with fund raising at Community School. Frank announced that the video will be shown on October 30, 2008 at 6:30 pm at the Blackstone Theater. Julie and Lucille attended and Frank was the featured speaker.

Monastery Trails

George showed maps of walking trails in Cumberland, and showed videos of walking trails in Smithfield.

New Business

We reviewed RIACC by laws #4, on election of officers; using Roberts rules of order and having four members for a quorum.

We voted to renew our membership in the Cumberland Land Trust and with a 100.00 donation.

Julie reported that Dan Novak from RIACC has asked for suggestions for the RIACC website. Several ideas were suggested and Julie will forward them to Dan Novak.

Julie reported on the Planning Board meeting on September 24, 2008, where the McMillion property was discussed. The property has an Indian cave and Mr Night Hawk Flying, will join John and Julie in a survey of the property. There is still a question of it being properly cleaned up by the owner.

The State Open Space Bond will be on the November 4, 2008 ballot and we favor its passage.

Julie noted that the Recreation department will conduct the Haunted Hill program without the ply wood mess that was left last year. It was cleaned up by Conservation Commission members and helpers on a work day this spring.

Lucille told Julie that she is resigning as secretary from the Commission in December when her term is up and will return as an associate member of the Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.