

## **Conservation Commission**

**George B Gettinger - Chairman Briscoe Lang – Vice Chairman**

**Julie Guerin - Secretary John Monaghan**

**Michael Scalzi Greg Meyers**

**Dick morrissey**

### **Minutes of meeting, April 8, 2010**

**The Cumberland Conservation Commission (CCC) met on April 8, at the Arnold Mills Community House, Hillside Road, Cumberland, at 6:30 p.m., with George Gettinger presiding. In attendance were Briscoe Lang, vice-chair, Julie Guerin, secretary, John Monaghan, Mike Scalzi, Greg Myers, Dick Morrissey, and Lucille Martin.**

**MINUTES: Minutes from the March meeting were approved.**

**The Commission welcomed the newly appointed member, Mr. Dick Morrissey.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mr. Lang reported that the Commission's budget balance is at \$1,600.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Trails:** Mr. Monaghan reported that he is awaiting updated status on the trail grant from Mr. Leib in the Planning Dept.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Franklin Farm:** Mrs. Guerin reported that due to the wet weather this spring, the garden clean up at the Franklin Farm has been rescheduled from Sat., 4/24 to Sat., 5/8 from 8:30am – 1:00pm. A cookout will be held at the end for all volunteers.

**Town Charter:** Mr. Monaghan reported that the Charter Review Commission approved the changes that were requested by the CCC.

The following is the revised paragraph:

**'There shall be a Conservation Commission which shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Town Council each for a term of three (3) years except that all vacancies shall be filled for the balance of unexpired terms, such appointments to be made by the Town Council. The Conservation Commission may make**

**recommendations to the Town Council and to all other Town Boards and Commissions for the preservation of the natural resources of the Town and for all other ecological questions pending before any and all such Boards and Commissions.'**

**Annual Land and Water Summit: Chairman Gettinger and Mr. Monaghan attended. Mr. Monaghan was nominated to a seat on the Board of the Rhode Island Association of Conservation Commissions (RIACC).**

**Earth Day/Arbor Day Commemoration: The CCC voted unanimously in March to donate a tree to the Friends of Metcalf-Franklin Farm, specifically for the colonial kitchen garden. It was decided to donate the tree in honor of associate member and former secretary, Lucille Martin, who served for 30 years until 2009. Mrs. Guerin will contact Mrs. Martin for suggestions on a type of tree. Mr. Scalzi recommended a flowering, non-fruiting tree such as a plum.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Broad St. Development Informational Meeting – Mr. Monaghan, Mr. Myers and Mr. Scalzi attended the meeting and reported that conceptual discussions took place. Concerns in the neighborhood**

**include traffic and poor drainage. An MBTA stop is a possibility on the Ann & Hope property.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Julie M. Guerin**

**Secretary**