

Cumberland Conservation Commission

George B Gettinger - Chairman Briscoe Lang – Vice Chairman

Julie Guerin - Secretary John Monaghan

Michael Scalzi Greg Meyers

Dick Morrissey

Minutes of meeting, January 13, 2011

The Cumberland Conservation Commission (CCC) met on Jan. 13, at 28 Metcalf Dr. (the Arnold Mills Community House wasn't opened for the meeting), Cumberland, at 6:59 pm, with George Gettinger, Chair presiding. In attendance were Julie Guerin, secretary, Briscoe Lang, vice chair, Greg Myers, Mike Scalzi, Dick Morrissey, John Monaghan, and new member Julie Medeiros.

MINUTES: Minutes from the December meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Lang reported that the Commission's budget for the current fiscal year has a balance of \$1,773.20 after an expense of \$126.80 for the Franklin Farm tree donation was reimbursed to Mrs. Guerin.

OLD BUSINESS:

Earth Day Photo Contest, 2011: Dr. Gettinger reported that he met with Mayor McKee who approved the poster contest and the use of

the town website to promote it. The Mayor requested that the contest be kicked off at the Town Council meeting on March 2, 2011. Dr. Gettinger also confirmed that the Valley Breeze will support the contest by running a press release in the March 3 edition and several reminders as well as photos of the winning entries after they have been determined. Mr. Monaghan will write the press release.

Outdoor Wood Burning Furnace (OWBF) Ordinance: Mr. Scalzi will follow up with the Town Clerk, Sandra Giovanelli, to obtain the Town Council meeting date on which the ordinance will be on the agenda.

Franklin Farm: Mrs. Guerin reported that the new barn roof construction is in progress. Mr. Morrissey asked if trees could be planted along Abbott Run Valley Rd. on the farm property. Mrs. Guerin made a note to follow up with the Grounds Committee where this idea has been a topic of discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

CCC Open Position: Commission members regretfully acknowledged Mr. Monaghan's decision to leave the CCC at the end of his term this month. Mr. Lang commended him on his 10 years of valuable service to the CCC and the town as a whole. He is truly respected and will be missed.

CCC New Member: Commission members welcomed the newest

member, Julie Medeiros, who was appointed to the CCC at the Town Council meeting on January 12, 2011. Julie brings a wealth of experience to the Commission. She is certified in RI as tree steward and horticulturist, and is a licensed arborist in RI, as well as a URI master gardener.

Rhode Island Association of Conservation Commissions (RIACC): Mr. Monaghan has resigned his position on the Board of this organization. RIACC will appoint a replacement.

Open Space Commission: Mr. Lang was unanimously voted as Mr. Monaghan's replacement as the liaison from the CCC. Mrs. Guerin will be the alternate.

Scott Brook Project: A presentation will be given at our February meeting by members of the Cumberland Land Trust and the Blackstone Valley Watershed Council/Friends of the Blackstone on the short and long-term cleanup and maintenance goals for this property. The CCC remains willing to be a partner on this project.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Land and Water Conservation Summit: This year's date is Sat., Mar. 26. Dr. Gettinger will forward the announcement to all members. Discussion will take place at the Feb. meeting on which seminars will be attended.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie M. Guerin

Secretary