

Minutes of meeting, March 8, 2012

The Cumberland Conservation Commission (CCC) met on March 8 at 6:35pm at the Arnold Mills Community House, 75 Hillside Rd., Cumberland with Briscoe Lang presiding. In attendance were Julie Guerin, Julie Medeiros, Mike Scalzi, Greg Myers, and Dick Morrissey.

Minutes: Minutes from the February meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Mr. Lang reported that there is a \$2000 balance in the treasury for the current fiscal year.

Old Business

Photo contest – Members reviewed the 2012 Photo contest Rules that Dr. Gettinger had circulated and recommended some revisions. Ms Guerin will forward the document to members for updating prior to the April meeting. Ms Medeiros presented options for awards. Members approved a budget of \$200 for the adult award and \$100 for the child award, along with \$50 toward framing for the winning photos. Winning photos from 2011 are hanging at the Town Hall and can now be returned to the individuals.

Monastery trails – Mr. Morrissey requested that Mr. Ed O'Brien, the head of the RI Surveyor's Association, be invited to the April meeting to present his proposal for mapping of the trails at the monastery. Ms Guerin suggested documenting all trail-related references from the

management plan to ensure that intent of the plan is maintained.

Emerson property – Dr. Gettinger has invited Mr. John Monroe from the National Park Service – Rivers, Trails, Conservation Assistance Program to walk the Emerson property during the late afternoon of Tuesday, March 20. Members are encouraged to participate.

Land and Water Conservation Summit – The summit will be held on Sat., March 10. Ms Guerin will request an updated expense reimbursement form from the finance department and distribute to members.

New Business

Donation Request – Mr. Scalzi requested a donation toward supplies and equipment for historic cemetery maintenance. Members voted to donate \$300 as set forth in his letter and verbal request. Mr. Scalzi will submit an updated letter to Dr. Gettinger.

Mr. Lang recused himself from the meeting at 8:15pm.

Old Business (continued)

Sixth/Education Village Proposal – Ms Guerin presented the research that she and Ms Medeiros conducted in an attempt to clarify the timing and acreage of the purchases of monastery property and the related conservation easements. Research will continue during the next month.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie M. Guerin

Secretary