

Conservation Commission

George B Gettinger - Chairman Briscoe Lang – Vice Chairman

Julie Medeiros - Secretary Walter Burke

Michael Scalzi Greg Myers

Dick Morrissey

Minutes of meeting, March 14, 2013

The Cumberland Conservation Commission (CCC) met on March 1, 2013 at 6:38 pm at the Cumberland Public Library, Hayden Center Meeting Room 4, at 1464 Diamond Hill Rd., Cumberland with George Gettinger presiding. In attendance were Briscoe Lang, Mike Scalzi, Dick Morrissey, Greg Myers, Walter Burke and Julie Medeiros

Minutes: Minutes from the February* meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: A motion passed to approve an allocation of \$100.00 to be paid to RIACC and be sent to the correct Providence address.

Old Business

Emerson property – Mr. Lang produced an outline of the management plan for the Emerson property. He and Ms. Medeiros met with the Director of the Planning Department, Kelly Morris at her office in Town Hall. Ms. Morris is to assist in locating the original Town purchase deed. This is a collaborative effort and the CCC is seeking input from many sources including Recreation Dept, DEM, Land Trust and the general public.

Monastery Trails – Mr. Morrissey presented finished signs from the Allmark Sign Co. Mr. Morrissey has met with Kelly Morris and Chris Carcifero and discussed the importance of consistent trail signage throughout the town. It is undetermined if this will be a shared effort between the Planning Department and CCC.

Franklin Farm – Ms. Medeiros will attend the first Franklin Farm meeting in March as the new liaison from the CCC to the Franklin Farm Association. At this time she is awaiting the notification of date.

Photo Contest – Mr. Myers confirmed the three categories being Wildlife, Landscape and Floral. Dr. Gettinger provided Mr. Myer with the posting web album information on Picasso. Children 12 & under are asked to enter the Kids division. Mr. Myers will contact Marcia Green at The Valley Breeze and possibly Mr. Monaghan for assistance in writing the press release. Ms. Medeiros has the contact information

if CCC plans to display photo contest winners at the Cumberland Library entrance.

New Business

National Land Surveyor Developers- Mr. Lang will copy the commission as the current evaluation progresses.

Preservation of Stone Walls Ordinance – Mr. Scalzi informed the commission that developing a Stone Wall Ordinance is still in its investigation stage. Mr. Burke was to research any mandates the state of Rhode Island may have on existing stone walls on State owned property. A discussion was had about the CCC working in conjunction with the zoning board to assess stone walls and any regulatory issues that may apply.

Land & Water Conservation Summit Meeting – Ms. Medeiros announced that she registered and will be attending on March 9, 2013 and will report details from the annual RIACC meeting.

Communications

Land and Water Conservation Summit –Ms. Medeiros will obtain a correct address for the monies to be sent.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Medeiros, Secretary