

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Town of Frye Island**  
**Minutes, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2003 Meeting**

Chairman Ed Charrette called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Members present were B. Aranyi, J. Nun, K. Potts, C. Ladow, C. Mueller, E. Charrette and Liason member from the Board of Island Trustees, P. Karpacz.

In the absence of the secretary, the minutes were waived. C. Mueller was tasked with the minutes of the current meeting.

The following reports were made:

Claire Ladow reported on the success of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Children's Fair. After expenses, proceeds were \$1828. The bulk of the profit was made from the food and drink and from the raffle, which netted \$688. There was a discussion as to the best way to hold the funds. This will be explored with the Town Manager and with Ruth Ann Bourque, the Treasurer of the FI Fire Department.

John Nun will contact Portland Water District to discuss solutions to the erosion on the Rec. Beach on Leisure Lane. We will explore the cheapest way to provide a picnic table for this spot.

The "Adopt a Road/Beach" idea had few responses, and it was observed that most folks who walk, pick up trash as they go all over the Island. The desirability of a Town Beach Committee was discussed for the purpose of maintaining the beaches, overseeing of storage of beach boats, and maintaining accessibility of beaches, and also preventing adjacent land owners from taking over beach right-of-ways for their personal use. Also, safe swimming areas need to be marked because of the incursion of jet skis and other boats. Claire Ladow and Kathy Potts will pursue this idea.

C. Mueller reported that Joe Potts has entered Don Cameron's Natural Areas Report on the FI web site. We would like to add other items to the web site such as the Flora and Fauna reports, maps of walking trails, etc.

C. Mueller gave the Commission (E. Charrette first) the material from Megan Shore on Land Trusts and other options for Conserving land. She will arrange for Ms. Shore to visit the Island at her convenience, and then to meet with her to ask for advice. This BEFORE inviting anyone to speak about Land Trusts or other arrangements. It was generally agreed that Islanders would not be willing to allow a "holder" to have control of any of the Island properties. An effort is being made to change the zoning of the land surrounding the Marina and Heron Lagoon (holding pond) from waterfront commercial to conservation.

B. Aranyi reported that Marge Hummel has been providing maps of trails. It was suggested that a master trail map be posted on the wall in the Town Office, and that copies be made available for the price of \$1.00. We observed that there are no trails on the Bolanger property, and probably will not be. We are anxious to let the developer know that we do not desire a gated community on the island. As it appears that this may be in the mind of the developer, we noted that a prohibition be agreed to in writing.

Goal statements were again requested by the Chairman from the various committees. The Recreation Committee will make a survey of the beaches to note their needs and to make recommendations. We again discussed where responsibility for the beaches lay. Mueller said FII leased the beaches to the Town, Karpacz said no. C. Mueller will investigate this.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

C. Mueller will arrange a bird/nature walk with Ron Carr in August. Several places to visit were mentioned, ie. The Ed and Maria Charrette home, the Ladow home.

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When we decide on a speaker, we will have a pot luck supper (sometime in August).

Talked about the repeated clear cutting that is occurring on the Island as more homes are built. We were urged to attend the Planning Board Meeting on Saturday morning at 8:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

The next meeting will be on August 15 at the Community Center at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christa H. Mueller".

Christa H. Mueller  
For the Secretary