

FRYE ISLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes for Saturday, August 13, 2005

The August meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Charrette at 3:00 PM.

All members were present: Aranyi, Charrette, Karpacz, Lapati, McOsker, Mueller, Vandehei.

There was one correction to the minutes of the July meeting. Pat Karpacz cannot be an official member of the Commission until appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Reports:

This morning's Bird Walk with Ron Carr was attended by 10 people.

Ed has deferred the discussions on a "tree ordinance" because of the contentiousness of the issue.

The Chestnut Trail has been completed. If we find it too steep, it can be modified with a couple of switchbacks. Trail development and maintenance will continue. Trail maps are now available at the store. We will not engage St. Joseph's students this year since it is already so late.

The CEO was approached with the suggestion that he mention to lot owners that they consider donating lots to Conservation if they are tired of paying taxes, waiting for building permits, or finding lots are not percable.

Ed talked tactfully to the golf course staff about the old dump near the first T. It appears that some of the trash has been disposed of. The big problem is the disposal of tires, which are not accepted at our Transfer Station.

Bobbie Aranyi reported that the PWD representative has no real reason to talk to us except informally while he is on the Island for his regular day. If we have questions or comments, he will answer them.

Old Business:

We have not had any success so far regarding a speaker for this year. The PWD would provide a speaker if we chose a subject relating to the Lake, but we need to be specific. Dick Vandehei will pursue the idea of speakers he knows who could talk about deer or the fish in Sebago Lake. Our objective is to have a family oriented Saturday presentation along with a potluck dessert and coffee – either in August, on Labor Day weekend or the following weekend.

Tom McOsker showed us a draft of his brochure, which he will retransmit in Microsoft Word, and he asks for comments. Pat Karpacz suggested that new residents need other information as well, such as basic ordinances and definitions such as "what is a wake?"

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New Business:

A suggestion was made to include in tax bills an option for those who are tired of paying taxes or have lost interest in waiting for a building permit to donate them to the Town for conservation.

Pat Karpacz will write a letter on behalf of the CC in response to the inquiry about having a calumbarium at the old tennis courts at Recreation Beach. Our consensus was that (1) as the Island becomes more populated that location will be needed for recreation and (2) we all come from other homes where we can make burial arrangements and space is not such an issue. This will be sent to the Board of Selectmen this week.

The meeting ended at 4:30. Next meeting is scheduled for September 10, at 3:00 at the Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Christa Mueller