Frye Island Conservation Commission
Monthly Meeting, 7 August 2004

The August meeting of the Conservation Commission was called to order by Chairman Ed Charrette at 3:00 PM. Those present were: Aranyi, Charrette, Karpacz, Lapati, Mueller, and new members: Tom McCosker (3 yr term), and Sylvia O’Conner (alternate). Missing were Hannah and Van de Hei.

Minutes of the July 10th meeting were approved.

Ed reported that between 10 and 12 people had participated in the Bird/Nature walk on July 25th with Ron Carr.

Old Business:

We were not able to get a speaker so far this summer because of the condition of the Community Center, which was being worked on. It is now finished, and Andy Lapati will call PWD to find out if we can still get a speaker to talk to us about Milfoil. The Saturdays available would be August 21 or 28th. If a speaker can be arranged, we will have a pot luck dessert at 7 PM at the CC. Aranyi and Mueller will take care of setting up with coffee and utensils, etc. Mueller will put the notice in the FINS if the plan is successful.

Mueller and McCosker will work out a preliminary plan for a brochure for prospective homeowners and buyers. This brochure will incorporate ideas from a number of available brochures and contain hints on how to least impact the land when gardening and building on Frye Island.

The old coffee table (to right of the office door as you enter) will contain Conservation materials and information, either for pickup or lending. A sign will be mounted on the wall above it. We will also build a notebook of Conservation information to be perused by those interested in such issues (not to be removed). Folks are encouraged to leave used nature magazines at this location for exchange or just to pass on to others.

Lapati will continue to work with Joe Potts to prepare a Conservation section to the FI web site. It should contain the Flora and Fauna lists prepared by Mueller. These will also be available on the Conservation Table.

New Business:

The problem of Milfoil in Moose Lagoon is growing and may begin to spread into Quail Circle mooring area. We hope to draw attention to this fact with calls to PWD as well as by informing the speaker, if one comes. We would like to erect signs to keep motorized craft out of the area. We would like to find out what we should do about this threat to the environment.

Ed is preparing a Conservation proposal for FII, lot by lot. At the last FII meeting there was a good deal of opposition to putting a large block of properties into conservation without this lot by lot consideration.

Various members will try to locate the old Chestnut Trail, which has been almost obliterated by the construction debris from the Amani house on Chestnut Circle.

It was suggested that we all try to place tennis ball protective covers on any sharp or dangerous property markers that are in the Trail right-of-ways.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM. Next meeting is to be September 25th at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Christa Mueller