

TOWN OF WARREN
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Margo Wade, Chair, Tara Hamilton, Erin Russell Story, Trafton Crandall, Glenn Thomas.

- AGENDA:**
- 1) 7:30 PM - Call to Order
 - 2) Review Draft Town Report
 - 3) Review Draft Town Meeting Survey
 - 4) Review Article for Newspaper
 - 5) Executive Session – potential land conservation projects
 - 6) Other Business:
 - i. Approve Meeting Minutes
 - ii. Affordable Housing – Update
 - iii. Land Use Regs. Re-write update
 - iv. Trail/4th Class Road Map – up-date
 - v. Items for next meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Margo Wade called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

II. REVIEW DRAFT TOWN REPORT

The Draft Town Report of the Conservation Committee was discussed. Minor changes were suggested by Tara and discussed. It was agreed any changes would be added and discussed via email by before the end of the month. Margo will send out most recent version.

III. Review Draft Town Meeting Survey

The Town meeting survey has not been drafted yet. It was agreed that Tara would assist in developing draft. Notes for changes/edits will be emailed.

Ideas for the survey were brainstormed, including goals for management of Town owned parcels, desired uses by the public. Information on three parcels, Eton, Gravel Pit and Riverside Park and maps of each will be produced for Town Meeting. Question whether WCC Committee should become a Commission.

IV. REVIEW ARTICLE FOR NEWSPAPER

Erin reviewed topics for an article to submit to the Valley Reporter, including the Survey of conservation issues for Town Meeting and the concept of a Town Forest. Erin noted that a recent article on the approval of the Town Conservation Plan approval had been published in the Valley Reporter.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Erin, seconded by Tara, to enter Executive Session. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

Potential land conservation projects were discussed.

MOTION by Erin, seconded by Trafton, to exit Executive Session. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

VI. Other business

A. The March WCC meeting is to be the same day as Town Meeting Day, 3/7/06.

B. Meeting Minutes:

MOTION by Tara, seconded by Glenn, to approve the December 6, 2005 minutes. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

C. Housing project – Glenn briefly updated the WCC on the housing project committee and project progress for the Affordable Housing.

D. The WCC briefly discussed the Wildlife Study and Inventory that has been approved in Waitsfield. Possibilities for funding of a similar study for Warren were discussed.

E. Tara gave a brief discussion of the Town Forest Meeting that she had attended. Funds are available for two towns to participate in the program. Warren is among 40 towns eligible to participate.

F. Road/Trails Map – Myron Malbouf arrived to sit in on meeting. Discussion was had of the Class IV & Trail Road mapping initiative. The Town Mapping program being used is ArcView 9.3, which is compatible with GPS data. The WCC has been asked by the Select Board to map trail/recreation paths and 4th Class Roads. Trafton commented that a Licensed Surveyor would be appropriate for mapping Town Roads, the WCC does not have the expertise to accomplish that. The recreation paths/trails could be mapped by the WCC using a portable hand-held GPS unit. Discussion was had regarding proposing a GPS as a WCC budget item. Ancient roads and legal right-of-way issues were discussed.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION by Glenn, seconded by Erin to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Trafton Crandall

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