

**TOWN OF WARREN
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 1, 2006**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robin Bennett, Susan Hemmeter, Damon Reed, Margo Wade, Chair.

AGENDA:

- 1) 8:00 PM – Call to Order
- 2) Review Task List
- 3) Review Final Survey Results
- 4) Develop Next Steps for Management Plans
- 5) Executive Session
 - Potential conservation projects
- 6) Other Business:
 - a. Approve meeting minutes
 - b. Items for next meeting
- 7) Adjourn – 9:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Margo called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM.

II. Review Task List

Margo distributed committee notebooks to new members. Updated list of town officers will be added. Margo has yet to obtain an updated copy of the Grand List and Robin will follow-up with Priscilla this week. The letter to Brian Leftkowitz was mailed and the letter to Peter Monte was distributed as discussed. Margo will follow-up with Erin regarding press releases assigned. Susan will continue to monitor posted warnings of permit applications and all members of the Conservation Committee were encouraged to attend other public meetings as often as possible.

III. Survey Results

Survey results have been finalized and copies were distributed to the committee. All boards will get a copy, with cover letter. As chair, Margo will contact assistants to boards to get on next available agenda to discuss survey results.

N.B. to SB regarding use of Brooks Field and the continued application of fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides on town land.

N.B. positive survey results regarding the formation of a Conservation Commission. Damon will contact the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions and/or the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to obtain information on how to proceed prior to Town Meeting.

Now that survey results have been finalized, the committee will work on management plans, securing input from third-parties as needed for larger parcels.

IV. Management Plans

A copy of the "Natural Community Inventory" compiled by Brett Engstrom, for the Town of Waitsfield, was distributed and discussed. It was noted that our county forester will do management plans for forested parcels at no charge and that this information would be a valuable starting point for town management plans. Susan will contact Russ Barrett regarding Eaton and GP parcels. Susan will contact the Orton Foundation regarding possible funding for consultants. Robin will contact Virginia Farley and Margo will contact Brian Shupe regarding sample management plans from other towns.

V. Executive Session – Conservation Projects.

MOTION by Damon Reed, seconded by Susan Hemmeter, to enter into executive session. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

MOTION by Damon Reed, seconded by Susan Hemmeter, to leave executive session. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

No action was taken.

VI. Conservation Fund.

There was a discussion of provisions in the Conservation Committee & Conservation Reserve Fund Charter regarding use of the Fund and allocation of monies for land acquisition. The committee will follow-up with the SB.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of meeting minutes:

MOTION by Damon Reed, seconded by Robin Bennett, to approve the minutes from July 18, 2006 as corrected/amended. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

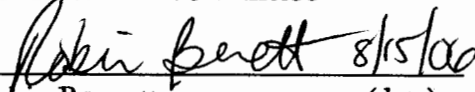
V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Damon Reed, seconded by Susan Hemmeter, to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

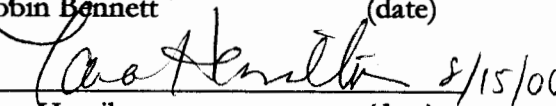
The meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Hemmeter

Conservation Committee



Robin Bennett (date) 8/15/06




Tara Hamilton (date) 8/15/06

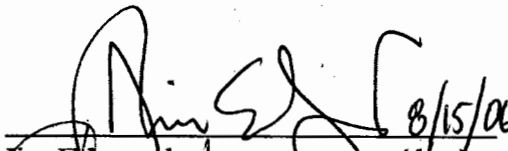


Damon Reed (date) 8/15/06

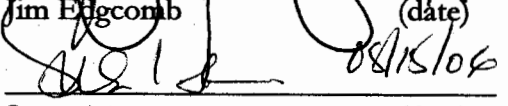
Erin Russell Story (date)



Margo Wade (date) 8/15/06



Jim Edgcomb (date) 8/15/06



Susan Hemmeter (date) 8/15/06