

TOWN OF WARREN
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 9, 2010

Members Present: Craig Klofach, Lisa Miserendino, Mike Ketchel, Don LaHaye, Jim Sanford, John Goss and Dan Raddock.

Others Present: Caitrin Noel, Tina Scharf, Miron Malboeuf,

Agenda: Call meeting to order, 7:30 pm

- 1) Tina Scharf, MS Consulting Wildlife Biologist
- 2) Town Plan Review, Chapter 10, Land Use
- 3) Other business

Mr. Ketchel called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

Tina Scharf, a wildlife biologist, was asked to come speak to the Planning Commission in regards to some of the wildlife issues related to planning - specifically, but not limited to, definitions of commonly used terms such as "wildlife corridors" and "critical wildlife habitat". One piece of information that came from her presentation was that what may be considered a critical wildlife habitat area for one species may not be "critical" for another species. Ms. Scharf discussed habitat generalists, such as coyote, red fox and deer, who are not selective about where they cross roadways, versus habitat specialists such as bobcat and bear that are selective and require good cover and may utilize culverts for their crossings. She also discussed habitat, how fragmentation disrupts wildlife and suggested to the PC that they look not just at Warren but how Warren contributes to the bigger picture of wildlife in the region. Ms. Scharf applauded the PC for their interest in learning more and taking the information into account in updating the town plan.

The members spent the second part of the meeting reviewing the draft of language revisions to Chapter 10 of the Town Plan. They also reviewed and signed the minutes from the previous meeting. There was no new business as the Steering Committee did not meet in July and there was nothing new from Regional. Mr. Sanford said he would be unavailable for the next meeting which is scheduled for Monday August 23rd at 7:30 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth V. Robbins
DRB/PC Assistant

Planning Commission

Dan Raddock 8/23/10
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Craig Klofach 8/23/10.
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Lisa Miserendino 8/23/10
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John Goss date

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Mike Ketchel date

Don LaHaye 8/23/10
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Jim Sanford date