

**TOWN OF WARREN
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2005**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trafton Crandall, Tara Hamilton, Glenn Thomas, Margo Wade
OTHERS PRESENT: Barry Simpson
AGENDA:

- I. 7:30 PM - Call to Order
- II. Conservation Priorities
 - possible mapping project
- III. Town Meeting preparation
- IV. Catamount Trail relocation
- V. Executive Session – potential land conservation projects
- VI. Other Business:
 - Gove House plaque
 - Items for next meeting
 - Approve meeting minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. CONSERVATION PRIORITIES

Margo reported that she spoke to VLCT and Barry Simpson about having Tara conduct the mapping project as included in her proposal. VLCT's response generally suggested that if the town did not have a specific policy requiring going out to bid for such projects, and considering the cost and size of the project, it would be ok for the CC to hire and pay Tara to do the work. Though they recommended keeping the process very public. Including recording the discussion in the minutes, talking to the Selectboard, PC and GIS coordinator about it.

Barry spoke about the mapping project currently underway and that eventually the town would have accurate physical mapping data available. Since the mapping project the CC is considering is more of a broad brush collection of conservation attributes in the town it would make sense to under take that now rather than wait for the fly over mapping data to become available, which he hopes should be some time this summer.

Just to double check that the cost of Tara's proposal is in line with what CVRPC would charge Tara is going to contact them to see what they would charge for the project.

III. TOWN MEETING PREPARATION

The group discussed Tara's talking points list and assigned sections to research and be ready to discuss/answer questions at Town Meeting (see attached doc).

Margo will touch base with the moderator to let him know we will be moving the article on the ballot requesting \$20K be placed in the CRF this year. Margo will move the article and Trafton will second it. Trafton will follow-up with a brief overview of the 2004 CC report. We will all be standing by to answer questions as they arise from the floor.

Margo will research the history of the fund (how it came to be, how much was allocated annually, what was spent when, etc).

Action Items:

- research assigned talking points

IV. CATAMOUNT TRAIL RELOCATION

The group reviewed and discussed the CT maps which lay out the proposed trail alignment on the Ward Subdivision parcel. The CC supports the relocation of the CT onto the project parcel and will submit a letter to that effect to the DRB recommending a trail access easement that permanently protects the trail.

Margo reported her discussion with Peter Monte, Chair of the DRB, regarding the CC weighing in on the CT relocation and the project as a whole. Peter was supportive and encouraged the CC to do so and asked if the CC would be willing to review other project for compliance with the TP on a broader scope (not just relating to conservation priorities).

Margo will touch base with John Donaldson & Laura Crandall about Peter's request to determine how to proceed.

The group discussed the project as a whole and its conformance with the Town Plan. Tara, Glenn & Trafton will attend the 2/9 DRB meeting and ask for sufficient time to review project and meet with the applicant.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION – POTENTIAL LAND CONSERVATION PROJECTS

Motion by Mr. Crandall, seconded by Mr. Thomas to enter into executive session to discuss potential land conservation projects and invite Barry Simpson to join us. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Crandall, seconded by Mr. Thomas to leave executive session. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

No formal action was taken.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Approval of meeting minutes

MOTION by Mr. Crandall, seconded by Ms. Hamilton to approve the January 4, 2005 minutes as submitted. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

MOTION by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Crandall to approve the October 5, 2004 minutes as corrected. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

Items for next agenda

- Ward Subdivision input
- Conservation Priorities

- Town Meeting review

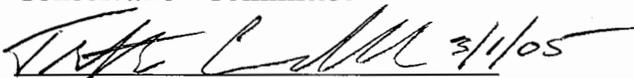
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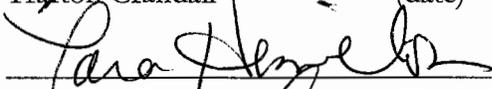
MOTION by Ms. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Crandall to adjourn the meeting. **VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Margo Wade

Conservation Committee


Trafton Crandall (date)


Tara Hamilton (date)


Glenn Thomas (date)

Margo Wade, Chair (date)