

**TOWN OF WARREN  
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MAY 3, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Trafton Crandall, Tara Hamilton, Glen Thomas, Margo Wade  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** none  
**AGENDA:**

- 1) 7:00 PM - Call to Order
- 2) Town Plan – final comments
- 3) Conservation Plan/Priorities – plan the June working session
- 4) Executive Session – potential land conservation projects
- 5) Other Business:
  - Ward Subdivision – update
  - Forest Plan Revision – update
  - Conservation/Housing Project – update
  - Items for next meeting
  - Approve meeting minutes

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Wade called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**2. Town Plan – final comments**

The language regarding the LESA evaluation method for farm land was briefly discussed, specifically the PC/SB's continued inclusion of language in the Proposed Town Plan though the CC had recommended striking the language. The committee notes that the LESA method is a fairly extensive undertaking therefore thorough thought should be given to using that process. It was also noted that LESA is only one way of prioritizing farm land.

**3. Conservation Plan/Priorities – plan the June working session**

The July meeting will be allocated for a working session. It will be held on June 7 from 6:30 to 9:30PM. Ms. Russell-Story will develop and outline/agenda for the meeting. A few items identified to include were – merits of developing a formal written plan, goals of the session, desired end product, and mapping priority areas.

**4. Executive Session – potential land conservation projects**

**MOTION** by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, to enter into executive session to discuss potential land conservation projects. **VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.**

**MOTION** by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, to leave executive session. **VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.**

No formal action was taken.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

- Ward Subdivision – update

Mr. Crandall shared the following info about the project

- The applicant made changes to the site plan, some based on the CC's recommendations including: shrinking of building envelopes where there impacted wetlands and steeper slopes, moved building envelopes and infrastructure away from the vernal pools.
- The ZA raised concern with amount of proposed clearing and need to screen the development.
- The applicant was not receptive to the CC's recommendation to eliminate the upper lot (Lot #20).

- The next hearing is May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Forest Plan Revision – update
  - Comments are due on July 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Ms. Hamilton will be drafting a memo outlining the Towns comments to be submitted by the dead line.
- Conservation/Housing Project – update  
Mr. Thomas gave a brief update on the project.
  - the housing committee is meeting twice a month
  - the project has three goals – affordable housing, conservation and recreation
- Items for next meeting
  - conservation priority working session

- Approval of meeting minutes

**MOTION by Ms. Hamilton, seconded by Ms. Wade, to approve the May 5, 2005 meeting minutes as submitted. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.**

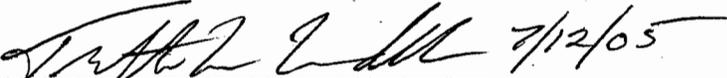
**V. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margo Wade

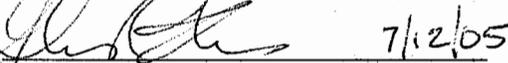
**Conservation Committee**

 7/12/05

Trafton Crandall (date)

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Tara Hamilton (date)

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Glen Thomas (date)

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Margo Wade (date)