

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

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

- AGENDA:**
- 1) 7:00 PM - Call to Order
 - 2) Conservation Plan – final review
 - 3) Prepare for November meeting with Selectboard
 - 4) Minute signing session (July, Sept, Oct)
 - 5) Executive Session – potential land conservation projects
 - 6) Other Business:
 - i. Housing memo - discuss
 - ii. Trail/4th Class Road Map – up-date
 - iii. Items for next meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

Margo Wade called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Additional items were added to “Other business” including:

- Communication with other town boards
- USFS/Warren meeting in October

II. DISCUSSION OF CONSERVATION PLAN

Status of Conservation Plan was discussed. Changes were reviewed. It was agreed any changes would be added and discussed via email by 11/16/05. Erin will send out most recent version.

II. MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR TOWN-OWNED PARCELS

WCC discussed goal of developing management plans for the three town-owned parcels that have significant conservation values: Gravel Pit, Riverside Park, and Eaton parcel. Members of the WCC will seek quotes for contracting out for management plans with the goal of gathering community input and developing these management plans in 2006.

III. MEETING WITH SELECTBOARD

Items to discuss:

- Communication among town boards
- Presentation of draft Conservation Plan
- Public input survey at Town Meeting for management of three town-owned parcels
- Budget for 2006
- Annual allocation to Conservation Fund.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Erin and seconded by Trafton approve the July and October 2005 minutes.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No items were discussed under Executive Session.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Communication -- It was noted that the WCC is still not receiving minutes and agendas from the other town boards (SB, PC, and DRB). Margo will again try to send out an email to all board members asking if anyone has issues with this attempt at open communication and ask that the four boards exchange agendas and minutes via email.

It was also noted that the town web page is woefully out of date and cannot be a means for community members to seek information at this point. This should be an item for larger discussion among the boards.

WCC will ask for monthly/weekly agendas and minutes of Warren SB, PC, and DRB meetings, and continue to supply its agendas and minutes to these boards.

B. GMNF -- Margo updated the WCC on the meeting between the GMNF and community members on stewardship of GMNF lands in Warren. She noted it was not entirely clear what the GMNF staff were looking for. It was also noted that the WCC was not invited to the meeting in a timely manner so that only one member was able to make it. It was noted that the GMNF staff need to be informed that they should include the WCC in their communications with the Town.

C. Housing project -- Glenn updated the WCC on the housing project committee and project progress. It was noted that the hired designer/developer's (Homestead Design) scope of work will include creating a conservation/management plan for the Aldeborgh-Roe parcel that will address the land's significant conservation and recreation values. It was also noted that the plan now includes that A-R parcel will be sold to the developer as part of the project, rather than remaining as a town-owned conservation parcel. There was significant discussion about this development. It was noted the ad hoc Housing committee is aware of that this is a conservation project as well as a housing project and that protecting the ecological values is of utmost importance to the success of the project. Glenn will continue to keep the rest of the WCC in the loop on this project.

D. Margo and Tara will attend a Fayston PC meeting to discuss Warren's Conservation Committee on 11/15. WCC will attend Warren SB meeting 11/22.

E. Road/Trails Map -- Discussion of the Class IV Road mapping initiative were tabled until the next meeting.

VII. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Hamilton

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

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