

**TOWN OF WARREN
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2005**

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

GUESTS: Barry Simpson

AGENDA:

- I. 7:00 PM - Call to Order
- II. Review Draft Town Report
- III. Review Article for news paper
- IV. Executive Session – potential land conservation projects
- V. Other Business:
 - a) Approve meeting minutes
 - b) Affordable Housing – update
 - c) Land Use Regs. re-write – update
 - d) Trail/4th Class Road Map – update
 - e) Items for next meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. REVIEW DRAFT TOWN REPORT

Margo circulated a draft of the annual CC report that will be sent for inclusion in the Town Report. Comments should be returned to Margo via email as soon as possible.

The group discussed plans to conduct a survey of Town residents during Town Meeting Day to assess desired management strategies for several Town-owned parcels, including the Gravel Pit, the Eaton parcel, and Riverside Park. Tara will make a small map that will be included on the back for reference. A discussion was held about the contents of the survey, and whether it can be posted on the Town's website for download by residents.

III. REVIEW ARTICLE FOR NEWSPAPER

The CC would like to publish a press release in the Valley Report stating the completion and availability of the Conservation Plan. Erin will circulate a draft of the press release. Barry Simpson congratulated and thanked the CC members for completion of Conservation Plan.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The group did not enter into Executive Session, but rather discussed possible functions of the above-mentioned Town-owned parcels with Select Board member Barry Simpson. The group also reviewed the SB that some CC representatives recently attended at which the Conservation Plan was approved.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) **Affordable Housing** – Glenn updated the group on the status of the Affordable Housing project and its related conservation parcel. The land has more wetland than originally believed. Suitability for development of varying scales and sizes is still being determined, but it appears that the chosen developer has decided to no longer participate in the project. The CC would like to note that until a plan for the land has been determined and settled, the land should not be developed or disturbed in any way, as it was purchased through the use of Conservation Reserve funds
- b) **Land Use Regs. Re-write** – update- To date, all changes have been administrative in nature and not pertinent to the CC.
- c) **Trail/4th Class Road Map** – update- In order to go further on this, Erin inquired with the CVRPC regarding rental rates for GPS equipment. The CVRPC does not rent out its equipment, but rather staff with equipment, for a rate of \$32 per hour. It was discussed that perhaps the Town should purchase GPS equipment that can be shared by all Town Boards and staff for a reasonable amount.
- d) **Items for next meeting-**
 - Margo will prepare a 2006 draft budget for review by the CC and then submission to the SB for inclusion in the Town Report.
 - Tara announced that a local group regarding wildlife habitat is looking for representation from the town of Warren.
 - Erin's term and Glenn's term on the CC are both up for renewal by the SB in March of 2006.
 - Margo gave notice that she would like to step down from being Chair of the CC in '06 and that other members should consider the taking the position

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Glenn, seconded by Trafton, to approve the minutes of the November 2005 meeting. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Glenn, seconded by Erin to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Russell-Story

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Margo Wade (Chair) (date)

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