

**TOWN OF WARREN
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
APRIL 24, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robin Bennett, Tara Hamilton, Susan Hemmeter, Damon Reed, Margo Wade, Chair

GUESTS: none

AGENDA:

- 1) 7:00 PM – Call to Order
- 2) Project Updates: Town Forest, Management Plans, Ancient Roads, Trails Inventory, Brownfields, Natural Heritage Assessment
- 3) Check-In with the Selectboard at the Town Hall
- 4) Forestlands/Woodlands Ownership Workshop
- 5) Executive Session – discussion of real estate matters (if needed)
- 6) Other Business:
 - a. Newcomb Subdivision
 - b. Approve meeting minutes
 - c. Items for next meeting
- 7) Adjourn – 10:30 PM

1) CALL TO ORDER

Margo Wade called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

2) Plans for Select Board Meeting

A. Present charter for adoption with updates. Notify Linda Lloyd, League of Cities & Towns, Regional Planning District or Secretary of State Office. Link for list serve to WCC.

B. Ancient Roads. Create subcommittee; contact PC to find out who's on subcommittee and when to meet. Present current plan supported by WCC. Separate trails project, possibly headed by Jim Edgcomb. Sheila Getzinger input.

C. Brownfields form to be signed.

3) PROJECT UPDATES

Town Forest & Management Plans: Forest Stewardship Management plan (interim plan) for Eaton parcel approved by SB. Russ Barrett is coming for Forest Plan for Gravel Pit. He will incorporate comments from WCC.

Waiting for grant for interpretive trail.

Hiring Brent Engstrom to do natural communities for all three parcels.

Searching for people to do management plan write-ups.

Working on RFP, what do we want the consultant to do, public input data. Compile into document with recommendations how to manage. Data at end. Line item in budget.

Ancient Roads: Robin and Susan will form subcommittee. Present sample GPS of Ole's and

Blueberry lake files to see if could go on mapping system with Priscilla. Can get town generated map of trails. Conversation soon about trails on private land.

Trails Inventory: Jim will continue to pursue trails project. Develop trails inventory & categories of trails.

Brownfields: Robin will continue to work with CVRPC to submit the necessary information.

Newcomb Subdivision: WCC needs to respond to Peter Monte's email.

Natural Heritage Project: Need maps for the meeting. Need to publicize the meeting. Co-hosting with PC. Will survey the whole town and identify high priority areas. WCC will put up flyers.

Forest (Woodland Owners) Workshop: Discussion of how to get people there; calling large track property owners may be one way to boost attendance. Need for help with calling.

4) **CHECK IN WITH THE SELECTBOARD**

Each member gave brief updates on the status of the CC projects. (See Project Updates above). Mac Rood signed as Chair of SB the final Brownfields application for Town Dump.

Items to follow up on included:

- Contacting PC to find out who will represent Ancient Roads subcommittee and when will meet.
- Develop a framework for mapping town trails.

5) **EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION OF CONSERVATION PARCELS/PRIORITIES**

MOTION by Margo Wade, seconded by Susan Hemmeter to enter into executive session to discuss real estate matters regarding potential conservation projects.

VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

MOTION by Tara Hamilton, seconded by Robin Bennett to leave executive session.

VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

No action was taken.

6) **OTHER BUSINESS**

Meeting Minutes:

MOTION by Tara Hamilton, seconded by Damon Reed, to accept the minutes from the March Conservation Committee Meeting. **VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.**

7) **Adjournment**

Upon unanimous vote the meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Bennett

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Robin Bennett 8/28/07
(date)

Jim Edgcomb 8/28/07
(date)

Tara Hamilton 8-28-07
(date)

Susan Hemmeter (date)

Damon Reed (date)

Margo Wade 8/28/07
(date)

