

**TOWN OF WARREN
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2008**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Interviewees Caitrin Noel, Ken Blair, George Schenk

AGENDA:

- 1) 7:00 PM – Call to Order
- 2) Management Plans – public meeting preparation
- 3) 7:30 – 8:30 PM – CC Candidate Interviews
- 4) Project Updates (approximately 10 minutes each):
 - Trails Inventory (Jim)
 - Ancient Roads (Susan/Robin)
 - Natural Heritage Assessment (Margo)
 - Aldeborgh/Roe Parcel (Damon)
 - Dump Parcel (Robin)
 - December Task List Items not included above
- 5) Review Draft 2007 CC Report for Annual Town Report
- 6) Executive Session – discussion of real estate matters (if needed)
- 7) Other Business:
 - a. Approve Invoices
 - b. Approve meeting minutes
 - c. Items for next meeting
- 8) Adjourn – 10:00 PM

I. Call to Order.

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

II. Conservation Commission Candidate Interviews.

Caitrin Noel, Ken Blair, and George Schenk were individually interviewed for a vacancy on the commission (the formal resignation of Michael Brodeur was received). Following the interviews, both Margo and Tara discussed whether they would be continuing to serve on the commission following the completion of their terms in office this year. If they decided to not seek reappointment, there would be two additional vacancies. Commission members agreed that all three candidates interviewed were well-qualified and seemed able to commit to the time required to serve on the commission. Susan will email information to the commission on how many members are allowed in the enabling legislation of Chapter 118. Commission structure, membership, and purpose will be discussed at the next meeting.

III. Management Plans.

The steering committee has met several times since the last update to the commission on management plans for town-owned parcels Eaton, Austin, and Riverside Park. Draft "Vision Statements" prepared by Robert Turner were distributed and discussed. Susan suggested that the finalized management plans be referenced as guiding documents in the Town Plan when it is next amended so that this work is not lost. The public meeting is scheduled for February 7, 6:00 to

9:00PM, at the Warren School. Margo will call abutters of all three properties to personally invite them to the meeting. Tara will send a "save the date" email to all boards and a press release to the *Valley Reporter*. The meeting will also be announced in the school bulletin. Channel 44 will be filming. After discussion, it was decided by the commission that Heidi Benjamin will be contracted to provide food at the meeting for a cost of approximately \$7/person. No RSVPs will be required. The steering committee will meet on January 24 at 7:00PM at Jim's office to finalize plans for the public meeting and will consider an informal walk of the properties the prior weekend.

IV. Conservation Commission Budget and Annual Report.

The 2007 commission budget and annual report have been distributed via email, with comments from commission members. Finalized versions will be provided to the Town next week.

V. Other Business.

a) Approval of meeting minutes.

MOTION by Tara Hamilton, seconded by Robin Bennett, to approve the minutes from November 27, 2007, as corrected/amended. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

b) Approval of Invoice from Arrowwood Environmental, LLC.

MOTION by Margo Wade, seconded by Susan Hemmeter, to approve payment on invoice from Arrowwood Environmental, LLC, in the amount of \$52.50. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

c) The commission will meet next Tuesday, January 22, at 7:00PM to continue discussions and will check-in with the Selectboard that evening at 8:00PM regarding the budget.

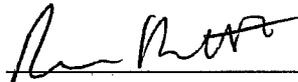
VI. Adjournment.

MOTION by Jim Edgcomb, seconded by Damon Reed, to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10PM.

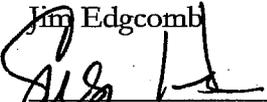
Respectfully submitted,
Susan Hemmeter

Conservation Committee

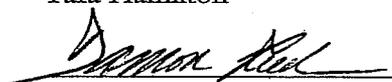


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Tara Hamilton (date)

Jim Edgcomb (date)


Susan Hemmeter (date) 01/22/08



Damon Reed (date) 22 JAN 08

Margo Wade 1/22/08

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