

**TOWN OF WARREN
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 19, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robin Bennett, Jim Edgcomb, Susan Hemmeter, George Schenk, Margo Wade, Chair.

- AGENDA:**
- 1) 7:00 PM – Call to Order
 - 2) CC structure discussion - Moved to next meeting; Mgmt. plans
 - 3) Trails Inventory
 - 4) - Aldeborgh/Roe Parcel – Status and Next Steps
 - 5) Project Updates
 - 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 7:25 PM.

II. Management Plans

We have the initial data. Robert Turner is tallying spread sheets. Robert is over budget by \$6500 and is not done yet. We paid him \$8,000. and held \$1,400 back. He was the highest bidder. The process was longer than anticipated. Can we meet in the middle? There is \$7,000 in 2008 budget from the original bid. We will look for other funding, maybe from grant money. Margo and Susan will look into possible other funding. Will gather comments through Town Meeting and tally the information, roll into the plans and tweak accordingly. There will be public hearings and present to SB for adoption. We would like the PC to put the Management Plans into the Town Plan. PC needs to amend the town plan regarding Ruby Blair house information at forum and Town Meeting info into final info for plans. 1 month of work by steering committee goes to CC to PC and SB. From this would be culling out of specific guidelines for road crew, SB, etc. Project could be writing up guidelines.

III. Aldeborgh/Roe

CC wants to become players in decision of uses. Need site development numbers. Have \$10,000 grant. Statute Ch. 118 states parcel not sold or housing unless voted at Town Meeting. Conservation or ag are highest and best use. Property not buildable and wetland. Not recommended as location for town garage. Not salable. We need to come up with proposal that we want. Jim will talk to Mac about report on A/R from committee. Would like to invite Sugarbush to talk about town garage. Want to try to get in to chat with SB and PC to formulate plan.

IV. Trails

Trails are on the website. Have to put on map. Issue of mapping trails on private property: liability, making private land public "neighborhood trails". Goal is to protect trails from developer closing them on private parcel. Landowner liability act protects landowner from frivolous lawsuits unless gross negligence. Priority is to make map for DRB, which can be hand-drawn. SB wants to pursue ancient roads and class 4 roads as trails. CC requests produce map now with easy stuff on it. Goal that landowner would have to consider trails in designing subdivision. Discussion of importance of getting permission from owners such as Ole's and Blueberry Lake. Where trails cross existing roads could be corridors for wildlife. What happens to neighborhood trails when on a map? Idea to work with regional planning. Maybe hire Tara to produce the map.

MOTION by Margo Wade, Seconded by Jim Edgcomb: Hire Tara Hamilton to produce map of the trails. MOTION PASSED. Unanimous.

V. PROJECT UPDATES

a) ANCIENT ROADS: Read the Act 178. Email the Act to others in CC.

b) DUMP PARCEL: Next month will discuss. Need to ask SB if have money to talk to an attorney about abutting neighbor. FOMR may have done water testing here. Need to develop plan for Phase 2 and overall goals for the site.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Invoices:

Invoice #8 dated 2/4/08 from Arrowwood Environmental for \$262.50. Natural Heritage Assessment from line item. MOTION to approve invoice. Entertained by Margo Wade. Moved by Jim Edgcomb. Seconded by George Schenk. Motion passed.

Invoice for \$250 from Heidi Darr. Deposit of \$150, Donation of \$25 from Shaws, Balance due is \$75. Management Plan line item. MOTION MOVED by Katrin Noelle. Seconded by George Schenk. Motion passed.

Invoice #2 from Robert Turner dated 2/12/08 for \$5,770. For work up to and including forum. \$1400 is coming. Margo will look for additional funding for professional courtesy. MOTION entertained by Margo Wade. Moved by Jim Edgcomb. Seconded by George Schenk. Motion passed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Margo Wade, seconded by Susan Hemmeter, to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Bennett

Conservation Committee

Robin Bennett 4/15/08
Robin Bennett (date)

Jim Edgcomb 4/15/08
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Susan Hemmeter 04/15/08
Susan Hemmeter (date)

George Schenk 4.15.08
George Schenk (date)

Margo Wade 4/15/08
Margo Wade (date)