

**TOWN OF WARREN  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
MAY 20, 2008**

- 1) 7:00 PM – Call to Order
- 2) Executive Session – discussion of real estate matters (30 minutes)
- 3) Eaton Parcel Trail Project – next steps (30 minutes)
- 4) Project Updates (action items and as time allows):
  - Ancient Roads (Susan/Robin)
  - Dump Parcel (Robin)
  - Natural Heritage Assessment (Margo)
  - Trails Inventory (Jim)
  - Management Plans (Margo)
  - Mad River Valley Forests, Wildlife and Communities Project
- 5) Other Business:
  - a. Approve Invoices
  - b. Approve meeting minutes
  - c. Selectboard Check-in
  - d. Items for next meeting
- 6) Adjourn – 10:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm was Margo Wade. Those present were Susan Hemmeter, Damon Reed, Jim Edgcomb, Robin Bennett, Margo Wade, and Ken Blair. As Caitrin Noel was not present to be our recording secretary, Ken was suggested to record our proceedings for the evening. The commission was called into executive session to discuss real estate on a motion by Damon, seconded by Jim at 7:07pm. The group came out of executive session at 8:20pm by a motion by Ken, seconded by Jim. Both motions passed by unanimous vote.

The next item was the Eaton Trail Project which has received a \$19,210.00 grant for the \$42000.00 project which has three components.

- a. maintenance to the existing Mad River Path
- b. construct a new interpretive trail loop that has been designed by Josh Ryan of Timber & Stone
- c. construct a new “Vista” trail, also designed by Timber & Stone

A major part of this project is a kiosk which will have information about all three trails and the area in general. The kiosk will be designed and built by Yestermorrow design/build. A separate contract will be awarded to design and build the interpretive signage utilizing a graphic designer costing about \$4000.00  
The Vista trail will be technical in both building and design due to the severity of the terrain and will be built next year after additional study to minimize environmental

impact. There is hope that a Vermont Youth Conservation Corp team may be available to construct this next year. We were turned down this year for a request of their services. Margo will act as the "client" for Yestermorrow and their component of this project. She will provide a list of our desired parameters to them. She will also contact Josh about the scheduling as well as contacting the Warren Rec committee for their input.

The next order of business was to examine the Natural Heritage Inventory and Assessment maps and booklet. Several errors were noted and Margo will contact them about the errors and it was voted after a motion by Ken, seconded by Damon and unanimously passed that she would also reconcile their invoices against the contract amount.

Jim Edgcomb had to leave for another commitment at about 9:15pm

It was announced that a survey needs to be done for the Belanger property which is the new addition to the Riverside Park. Margo will contact Glenn Towne who did the surveying for the original parcel.

We approved paying an invoice for \$75.00 to Amicus Sten-tel for typing services on the flip charts which Margo had not found the time to type up.

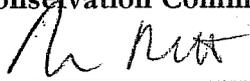
A brief discussion of the April minutes was had, with the notation on correcting the spelling of Damon's name. As three members were not present and one had not had the opportunity to read the minutes, it was suggested by the chair to table their approval until the June meeting. It was also asked if the agenda for a meeting could be included at the beginning of the minutes.

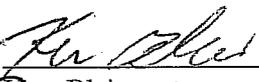
We are encouraged to look over our charter before the next meeting to see if we feel our mission is truly reflected by that document. We will spend a large share of our meeting time next month going over a map to decide what properties and areas should be priorities for this commission.

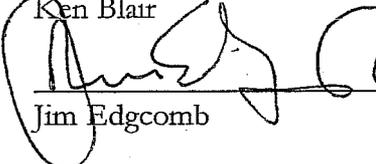
The motion to adjourn was made by Damon and seconded by Robin. The resulting unanimous vote adjourned the meeting at 10:24pm.

Respectfully,  
Ken Blair

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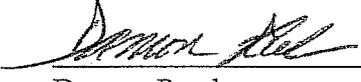
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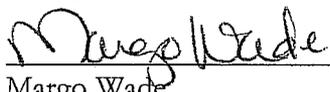
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