

**TOWN OF WARREN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
JUNE 10, 2008**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Edgcomb, Robin Bennett, Damon Reed, Ken Blair, Caitrin Noel,
Margo Wade, Chair.

OTHERS PRESENT: None

AGENDA:

- 1) 7:00 PM – Call to Order
- 2) Eaton Parcel: Management Plan and Trails Project – review (45 minutes)
- 3) Executive Session – discussion of real estate matters (45 minutes)
- 4) Project Updates (action items and as time allows):
 - a) Ancient Roads (Susan/Robin)
 - b) Dump Parcel (Robin)
 - c) Natural Heritage Assessment (Margo)
 - d) Trails Inventory (Jim)
 - e) Management Plans (Margo)
 - f) Mad River Valley Forests, Wildlife and Communities Project (Margo)
- 5) Other Business:
 - a) Approve Invoices
 - b) Approve meeting minutes
 - c) Selectboard Check-in - prep
 - d) Items for next meeting
- 7) Adjourn – 10:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Margo called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

II. EATON PARCEL: MANAGEMENT PLAN AND TRAILS PROJECT

Update from MW: Tara Hamilton has asked for comment from the steering committee by early next week. After including comments, the plan will be passed to the CC. JE commented that we need to lay out guidelines of what will be done and who will do each. Questions arose: what parts of the plan will need to be included in the town plan, and who will oversee the management of the properties? CC is the best equipped to do this. MW—we need to create a simpler companion document to accompany the plan summarizing main points and action steps.

In regards to the recreation trail grant: the management plan supports construction of the trail as outlined in the grant proposal. Time is a concern. The Yestermorrow class that will build the kiosk and sign bases begins in August.

Next steps: work with Josh Ryan to construct interpretive trails. This would involve 2 or 3 weekends with volunteer help. The MRPA will lead repair work on the Path section of the trail. VYCC—assist with construction of vista trail. The vista trail is located in the more sensitive area of the parcel. Move forward with working with Yestermorrow, the Warren Elementary School (design of interpretive materials) and approval of management plans

MW will create matrix for Eaton and send to CC members. Matrices for Riverside and Austin will be created later.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Damon, seconded by Jim, to move into exexcutive session at 8:18pm. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

IV. PROJECT UPDATES

Natural Heritiage Inventory: Margo is sending a final report and making corrections with Aaron.

Trails: Jim met with the Selectboard and made steps to move along with project. He is working with Priscilla and Byron to familiarize with Warren mapping. Jim will define a process of making hand drawn maps and is meeting with Byron—will send date of this meeting to CC in an e-mail.

Ancient Roads: In order to do a mass discontinuance, everything must be mapped. May have until 2015 to complete this. Robin would like to map the Class IV roads, and there is potentially grant money available.

“Purpose of CC Charter” Discussion: invite Burt Bauchner to July CC meeting.

Forest Wildlife and Communities Project: Jamey received our letter and can come meet with the CC either on July 22 or August 19. Jim is meeting with Jamey, Phil, and Jared about this project on June 24.

Dump Parcel: Selectboard is seeking legal advice on next steps. They will wait on Phase II of the environmental assessment for now.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Approval of invoices: none
- b) Approval of meeting minutes

MOTION by Jim , seconded by Robin to approve the minutes from the April and May CC meetings. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

- c) Selectboard check-in: no check-in on 6/24

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Ken, seconded by Robin, to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

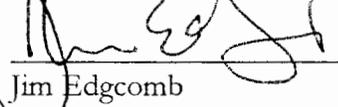
The meeting adjourned at 10:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Caitrin Noel

Conservation Commission

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Robin Bennett (date)

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Ken Blair (date)

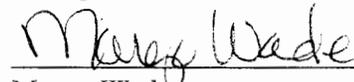
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Damon Reed (date)

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