

Town of Warren  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting  
May 19, 2009

Damon, George, Margo, Caitrin, Jim, Dana and Ken met at the trailhead for the Mad River Path at 6:30pm to hike up the proposed "Vista" trail. This was accomplished and we returned and met at the Municipal Building at 8:07pm where we were joined by Susan. Due to the advancing hour and a scheduled presentation by Bryan Shupe and Jamie Fidel at 8:20 pm, we tabled further discussion on the "Vista" trail on the Eaton property as well as a discussion on the Riverside Park Management Plan.

Susan presented us with a current map and status report on the Knotweed problem and the upcoming meeting with the Selectboard on May 26 to discuss how the road crew might assist in minimizing the spread of this invasive species. She also discussed with us the storage and disposal of pulled weeds and a plan for community outreach to try to curtail the spread of the knotweed.

At 8:25 we entered into a discussion with Brian Shupe and Jamie Fidel of VNRC on the proposed changes to the Town Plan which they had been asked to address. Our discussions centered on Chapter 3 and please see the included revised sections as recommended by Brian and Jamie. There was also a brief discussion on the future of the State Current Use Plan and its funding status. Brian and Jamie recommended close attention to the "Arrowwood Study" which was done just over a year ago and provides valuable data for wildlife habitat and corridors for their movement. It was suggested that Jens Hilke be contacted for consideration of the mapping of specific areas of concern. At the conclusion of this discussion we also brought in the continuing fragmentation of our forested areas, their effects on the wildlife, and the possibilities for zoning to address this problem, perhaps through the use of P. U. D.'s

At the close of discussions, we voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting with one correction noted by Damon on the words "DRB" on a motion by Margo, seconded by Damon. A motion to adjourn was made at 10:09 pm by George and seconded by Susan and was again unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Blair

**Conservation Commission**

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Jim Edgcomb (date)

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Susan Hemmeter (date)

*Caitrin Noel* 6/16/09

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George Schenk (date)

*Margo Wade* 6/16/09

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*Dana Nagy* 6/16/09

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