

TOWN OF WARREN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
JULY 21, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: George Schenk (8pm), Robin Bennett, Susan Hemmeter, Margo Wade, Ken Blair, Jim Edgecomb.

OTHERS PRESENT:

AGENDA:

- 1) 7:00 PM – Call to Order
- 2) Camp Road subdivision proposal
- 3) Kingsbury Farm trails
- 4) Executive Session
- 5) Updates
 - a. knotweed
 - b. trails project
 - c. Eaton Trails
 - d. Forest Wildlife and Communities
 - e. other
- 6) Other Business
 - a. Approve Invoices
 - b. Approve meeting minutes
 - c. Selectboard Check-in
 - d. Items for next meeting
- 7) Adjourn – 10:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Robin called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

II. Discussion of Camp Rd. Project

Jim Edgecomb spoke first as he had spoken with the owner of the property and the proposal was undergoing significant changes, so further discussion of the presented proposal was not productive. The changes were in part precipitated by the proximity to some wetlands. Robin suggested that it might be worthwhile to suggest to an organization like Yestermorrow to have classes for realtors that explained the benefits of conservation uses for subdivisions and the opportunities or options such as clustered housing.

III. Kingsbury Farm Trails

At this time the contract is waiting to be returned from the Mad River Path Association so that it can be forwarded to the Town's attorney. There was a brief discussion concerning a pedestrian path in the new bridge proposal. There is currently no such provision, but there will be a bike lane on the edge of the traveled lane.

IV. Executive Session

It was moved by Jim, seconded by Susan to enter into executive session at 7:35pm for the purpose of discussion of specific real estate.

It was moved by Susan, seconded by Margo to come out of executive session at 8:28pm.

V. Updates

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- a. Knotweed - Susan reported that there are a number of active volunteer cutters working on the knotweed and that several areas are diminishing in size. She has contacted the Valley Reporter with the hopes that they could provide a forum for public awareness and education.
- b. Trails project – Jim reported that they were having trouble getting the data from the GPS onto the GIS maps, but were still working on the project. It has proved to be more difficult than hoped.
- c. Eaton Trails – Margo reported that she had contacted Justin Kennie, the conservation corp. coordinator and that it would be about a three week project to construct a trail such as the proposed Vista trail. There was continuing discussion as to the appropriate use of this land and how a trail might be constructed that would not endanger the sensitive areas within this property. This might include only seasonal use, the prohibition of pets, and “off limits” areas. We need more information concerning possible animal habitat and nesting areas.
- d. Forest and Wildlife communities - We will have presentation on this at the August meeting.
- e. none

VII. Other business

- a. There were no invoices presented
- b. It was agreed to hold the minutes of the June meeting until the August meeting
- c. There was no discussion of the selectboard check in.
- d. There was no formal presentation for next month’s agenda

VIII. adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 on a motion by Ken, seconded by Susan, the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Blair

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Robin Bennett 8/11/09
 Robin Bennett (date)

Ken Blair (date)
 Ken Blair (date)

Jim Edgcomb (date)
 Susan Hemmeter 08/11/09

Susan Hemmeter (date)
 Caitrin Noel 8/11/09
 Caitrin Noel (date)

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Damon Reed (date)

George Schenk (date)

Margo Wade 8/11/09

Margo Wade (date)

Dana Nagy 8/11/09

Dana Nagy (date)