

**Town of Warren  
Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
November 17, 2009**

Members Present: Susan Hemmeter, Caitrin Noel, Damon Reed, George Schenk, Margo Wade  
Others Present: none

Agenda:

- 1) 7:00 PM – (Call to Order)
- 2) Forest Wildlife and Communities Project— (30 minutes)  
Update from subcommittee
- 3) Commission membership— (15 minutes)  
Discuss filling vacant seat and secretary role
- 4) Benefit Bake and Outreach Planning—(30 minutes)
- 5) Updates – (60 minutes)
  - a. Knotweed
  - b. Kingsbury Farm Trails
  - c. Treasurer's Report
  - d. East Warren Park and Ride
  - e. Welcome Wagon Training
  - f. Durling
  - g. Other
- 6) Executive Session – to discuss real estate matters (30 minutes)
- 7) Other Business:
  - a. Approve Invoices
  - b. Approve meeting minutes
  - c. Selectboard Check-in
  - d. Items for next meeting
- 8) Adjourn – 10:00 PM

1) Caitrin called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

2) Forest Wildlife & Communities Project:

Discussion points:

- map should be used as a guide and will require ground truth by parcel
- protection of the remaining intact corridors connecting/linking core habitat is critical (contiguous habitat units – CHU)
- focus use of public money on protection of CHUs
- how do we present, describe, define horizontal diversity
- define ways to limit fragmentation of CHUs
- some agricultural lands function well for wild life may not be included on the Arrowwood maps
- human house / human commerce – remote housing has more significant impacts on fragmentation compared to dense village type development
- Georges thoughts – the Warren landscape is beautiful, aw inspiring, we know little about our town when it comes to specific details of parcels and areas, we thoughtlessly develop that that we do not know and value, photo documentation is an important tool
- consider experimenting with wildlife crossing signs once these crossings are identified and proofed (amphibians, bear, etc.)
- how do we identify and communicate the importance of the areas of town better left as is?
- usefulness of the maps – more information may not necessarily be better
- is there a way to get a more specific series of maps
- Base Map to include



**2010 Ballot Language**

**Annual Conservation Reserve Fund Allocation Request**

Shall the Town of Warren allocate \$20,000 to the Conservation Reserve Fund for the year 2010?

**Motion by George Schenk, seconded by Susan Hemmeter to approve the draft budget as discussed and adjusted. Vote: unanimous, motion carried.**

d. East Warren Park & Ride:

- Rootswork is forming a subcommittee
- CC members are encourage to participate at that level

e. Welcome Wagon Training – training has been rescheduled to Dec 2.

f. Durling – the hearing has been continued to Nov 18.

Executive Session:

**Motion by Margo Wade, seconded by George Schenk to enter into executive session to discuss real estate maters. Vote: unanimous, motion carried.**

**Motion by Susan Hemmeter, seconded by Damon Reed to leave executive session. Vote: unanimous, motion carried.**

No further action was taken.

Other Business:

Caitrin relayed that tree grant applications are due soon. The CC does not have any pending or current projects that would be eligible. The grant information should be shared with the Warren Tree Warden (Megan Moffroid??) and possible Ellen Strauss who may have more info about town tree projects.

**Motion by Susan Hemmeter, seconded by Damon Reed to refer the information to the Warren Tree Warden. Vote: unanimous, motion carried.**

Caitrin will relay the information.

**Motion by Margo Wade, seconded by George Schenk to adjourn. Vote: unanimous, motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Margo Wade*

Conservation Commission

*Robin Bennett* 1/19/10  
Robin Bennett (date)

Jim Edgcomb (date)  
*Susan Hemmeter* 1/19/10  
Susan Hemmeter (date)

Dana Nagy (date)

Caitrin Noel (date)

*Damon Reed* 01/19/10  
Damon Reed (date)

*George Schenk* 1.19.2010  
George Schenk (date)

*Margo Wade* 1.19.2010  
Margo Wade (date)

