

**Town of Warren
Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2010**

Members Present: Robin Bennett, Jim Edgcomb, Caitrin Noel, Damon Reed, George Schenk, Margo Wade
Others Present: none

Agenda:

- 1) 7:00 PM – (Call to Order)
- 2) Commission Membership - Discussion of commission membership and filling vacant seats.
- 3) Eaton Trails - Discussion about next steps, Vista Trail
- 4) Updates
 - a. Amphibian Crossing Project
 - b. Forest Wildlife and Communities status update
 - c. MR Path at Kingsbury Farm status update
 - d. Friends of the Mad River Kingsbury Farm Planting Project
 - e. Other
- 5) Other Business:
 - a. Approve Invoices
 - b. Approve meeting minutes
 - c. Selectboard Check-in
 - d. Items for next meeting
- 6) Adjourn – 10:00 PM

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

2) Commission Membership

Robin will coordinate posting a notice on the web site and in the Valley Report regarding the 2 current vacancies on the board.

3) Eaton Trails - Next steps for the Vista Trail

Margo and Caitrin will explore alternate alignments for the Vista Trail. There is concern about the proposed alignment and impact to sensitive habitat (leadges). We will reach out to the abutter to explore the possibility of realignment of the trail which would most likely require leaving town owned lands and crossing onto private property. Permission would need to be acquired before a trail could be built on non town owned land. Caitrin will reach out to Jens Hilke (VT Fish & Wildlife) to get his thoughts on the proposed alignments.

Sean Lawson, Warren resident and naturalist walked the trail with Margo in the fall. He is supportive of the trail and feels the impacts to the area are out weighed by getting folks into the woods.

VYCC has been tentatively scheduled for a week this summer to begin construction if we decide to move forward with construction of the Vista Trail.

4) Updates

a. Amphibian Crossing Project

Caitrin discussed the training that took place at eh Wait House. Information will be emailed out to the CC about the project and how to get involved. This is a pilot year with hopes to expand it in the future. Information gathered will be shared with North Branch Nature Center who is gathering info through out the State.

b. Forest Wildlife and Communities – no update this meeting

c. MR Path at Kingsbury Farm status update
The Baseline Document has been signed by the Selectboard.

d. Friends of the Mad River Kingsbury Farm Planting Project
The Friends of the Mad River will be hosting a riparian planting project on May 3&4 and May 7&8. The Crossett Brook middle school will be participating on the 3rd & 4th along with additional volunteers on the other dates. Any and all volunteer help would be appreciated.

5) Other Business:

a. Approve Invoices

Motion by Caitrin Noel, seconded by George Schenk to pay the Arrowwood 2009-399 invoice for \$75.00 after Aaron has been called to get clarification on what the invoice was for. Vote: unanimous, motion carried.

b. Approve meeting minutes

Need to catch up on minute review and approval for next meeting.

Executive Session:

Motion by Caitrin Noel, seconded by Jim Edgcomb to enter into executive session to discuss real estate matters. Vote: unanimous, motion carried.

Motion by Margo Wade, seconded by George Schenk to leave executive session. Vote: unanimous, motion carried.

No action was taken.

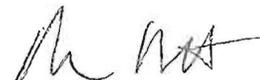
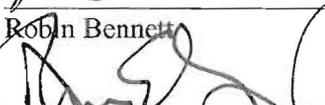
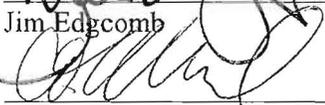
7) Adjourn – 10:00 PM

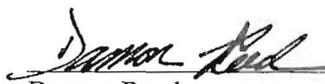
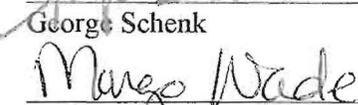
Motion by Caitrin Noel, seconded by George Schenk to adjourn the meeting. Vote: unanimous, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Margo Wade

Conservation Commission

	5/25/10
Robin Bennett	(date)
	5.25.10
Jim Edgcomb	(date)
	5/25/10
Caitrin Noel	(date)

	05/25/10
Damon Reed	(date)
	5.25.10
George Schenk	(date)
	5.25.10
Margo Wade	(date)