

**TOWN OF WARREN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2010**

MEMBERS PRESENT: George Schenk, Margo Wade, Robin Bennett and Caitrin Noel.

OTHERS PRESENT:

AGENDA:

- 1) 7:00 PM – (Call to Order)
- 2) Riverside Park Management Plan (30 minutes)
- 3) 2011 Budget Discussion (30 minutes)
- 4) GMNF Conservation Priorities Discussion (30 minutes)
- 5) Updates – (60 minutes)
 - a. Eaton Trails
 - b. Commission Membership
 - c. Forest, Wildlife and Communities 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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Robin called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

II. Riverside Park Management Plan

Discussion about dogs at Riverside Park. Need to gather more information about the townspeople's desires about how Riverside Park should be managed. A town meeting written survey (as suggested by the SB) was discussed, potential for also doing a Survey Monkey survey. Autumn Foushee (MRPA) offered to pull together a survey. Survey will ask questions about Aldeborough Roe and dogs and Riverside Park and dogs. We could do some monitoring to see how many people utilize the park as dog owners or not dog owners. George suggested keeping Riverside Park open to dogs on leash, and move forward with the Aldeborough Roe dog park—MRPA present a minimal design to the CC, and then the CC could bring the idea to the SB. Could look at the MRPA dog survey results, maybe these results could back up the assertion that an off leash area is desired. AR could take some of the pressure off Riverside Park, making it a bit more people friendly. Still have to address dog waste at the Park—look into options for dog waste composting and bags.

For January meeting—take a look at the Riverside Park Management Plan and submit final comments and suggestions before the next meeting. Review results of the MRPA survey and decide the details of the survey at the January meeting. Caitrin will e-mail these documents. Margo will research costs for composting unit.

III. 2011 Budget Discussion

Discussion of 2010 actual budget and 2011 proposed budget. Need more information about how much a corridor study would cost, and if there are grant sources. Contact Sue Morse from Keeping Track and also Aaron Worthley or Michael Lew Smith from Arrowwood Environmental to get ideas

MEETING MINUTES

George Schenk 2.15.11
George Schenk (date)

Margo Wade (date)