

TOWN OF WARREN  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
JANUARY 25, 2011

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Edgcomb, Margo Wade, Robin Bennett, Damon Reed, George Schenk, and Caitrin Noel.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**AGENDA:**

- 1) 7:00 PM – (Call to Order)
- 2) 2010 Wrap up and 2011 Priority Setting – (30 minutes)
- 3) Riverside Park Management Plan – (30 minutes)  
Review plan and discuss next steps to moving forward with adoption of plan
- 4) Ecological Principals Analysis – (30 minutes)  
Review and discuss ecological principals analysis.
- 5) 2011 Outreach Discussion – (30 minutes)
- 6) Updates – (30 minutes)
  - a. Eaton Trails
  - b. Commission Membership
  - c. Forest, Wildlife and Communities Project
  - d. 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

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Caitrin called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM.

**II. 2010 Wrap up and 2011 Priorities Setting**

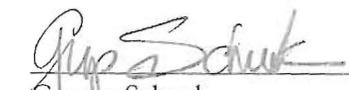
George brought a book to the meeting: “Reading the Forested Landscape” by Tom Wessels. The book talks about two opposing forces: development that fragments the landscape, and large parcels of land that exist as unfragmented forestland. The conservation reserve fund is one important mechanism to conserve large parcels and maintain a connected, unfragmented forest. This would be a great basis for an article on forest fragmentation, as this has been a focus of CC work in 2010. The article should be submitted to the VR by the 14<sup>th</sup> for publishing on the 17<sup>th</sup>. George will draft the article and circulate it to the Commission by Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Caitrin will check into the grant funding possibilities for the corridor study for the next meeting. Kate will check into LCBP funding possibilities.

**MOTION by Caitrin and seconded by Margo to add an agenda item: “conversations with prospective conservation commission members”. Vote: unanimous.**

**III. Conversations with Prospective Conservation Commission Members**

Kate Wanner and Robin Blier joined us for an informal discussion about joining the commission.

 2.15.11  
George Schenk (date)

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Margo Wade (date)