

TOWN OF WARREN  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2011

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** George Schenk, Damon Reed, Robin Bennett, Kate Wanner, Robin Bleier and Caitrin Noel.

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**AGENDA:**

- 1) 7:00 PM – (Call to Order)
- 2) 2011 Outreach and Town Meeting – (45 minutes)
- 3) Riverside Park Management Plan – (30 minutes)  
Review final draft of plan and schedule of management activities
- 4) Ecological Principals Analysis – (30 minutes)  
Review and discuss ecological principals analysis.
- 5) Updates – (30 minutes)
  - a. Linkages Study and Funding Possibilities
  - b. Forest, Wildlife and Communities Project
  - c. 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**

Robin called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM.

**MOTION by Caitrin to amend agenda to include a discussion about the Town Plan and energy. Damon seconded and the vote was unanimous.**

**II. Town Plan and Energy Discussion**

Discussion about Warren Town Plan and energy. Susan Hemmeter was present. Susan presented that Warren's town plan is more permissive than Waitsfield's town plan regarding industrial wind. Susan also mentioned that there is a wind project in Deerfield on USFS that may affect bear habitat. The comment period ends in early March.

**III. 2011 Outreach and Town Meeting**

George will get article to Caitrin by Friday to send to commission, to be reviewed by Monday and sent to the paper. Caitrin will call Lisa and let her know the article is coming.

Town meeting presentation:

Damon will make a numbers presentation at Town Meeting. Need to stress the WHY: the importance of low elevation habitat, linkage areas, unfragmented forest (mention parcelization). Presentation will be based on the VR article.

**IV. Riverside Park Management Plan**

Tabled until the March meeting.

V. Ecological Principals Analysis

Discussed the draft document "Ecological Mapping in the Mad River Valley". Will invite Jens to the March meeting.

VI. Updates

- a. Linkages Study and Funding Possibilities—Kate looked in to LCBP funding possibilities, but there are none currently. Might be something in the fall. We should get on the list for VACC—might send out announcements for other grant opportunities. We could send a letter of interest to Vermont Community Foundation. They might know of some interested donors to fund the linkage study. Caitrin will put together a proposal and send it to CC for review.
- b. Forest, Wildlife, and Communities Project—Welcome wagon letters are ready to sign and be mailed. Warren needs to host the next Tri-Town meeting, would be good to include a refresher training on the welcome wagon kit. Caitrin will ask the Fayston and Waitsfield CC chairs if 3/15 or 3/17 works.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Approve Invoices
- b. Approve minutes from December and January: MOTION by Caitrin and seconded by George to approve minutes from December and January. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.
- c. Selectboard check in—send budget to SB

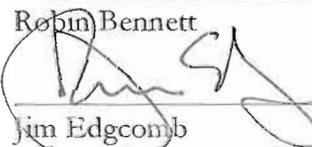
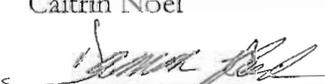
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Caitrin and seconded by Robin to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caitrin Noel

Conservation Commission

	3/15/11
Robin Bennett	(date)
	3/15/11
Jim Edgcomb	(date)
	3/15/11
Caitrin Noel	(date)
	03/15/11
Damon Reed	(date)

George Schenk	(date)
<u>Margo Wade</u>	<u>3/15/2011</u>
Margo Wade	(date)
<u>Kate Wanner</u>	<u>3/15/2011</u>
Kate Wanner	(date)
<u>Robin Bleier</u>	<u>3/15/2011</u>
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