

**Town of Warren
Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
November 15, 2011**

Members Present: George Schenk, Robin Bennett, Kate Wanner, Jim Edgcomb, Damon Reed, Rocky Bleier

Others Present: Craig Klofach- Planning Commission

Agenda:

- 1) 7:00 PM – (Call to Order)
- 2) Eaton Parcel (20 min): Update on town forest conservation/application
- 3) Tri-Town Meeting (20 min): follow-up from meeting
- 4) Corridor Study—(20 minutes): Follow up on proposal for corridor study
- 5) Budget for 2012 (30 minutes): Discussion of next year's budget
- 6) Updates – (15 minutes)
 - a. Selectboard Meeting
 - b. Other
- 6) Other Business – (15 minutes)
 - a. Approve Invoices
 - b. Approve meeting minutes
 - c. Selectboard Check-in
 - d. Items for next meeting
- 7) Adjourn – 9:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Robin Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

2. Eaton Town Forest Conservation Easement

Reviewed 3 questions from Open Space Institute and discussed responses. WCC needs to call Russ Barrett to schedule a cut, as outlined in the management plan. Should find out about OSI funds before next meeting.

3. Tri-Town Meeting

Kate had distributed minutes from Tri-Town Meeting previously over email and will distribute them to other two commissions.

4. Wildlife Corridor Follow-up Study

If can prioritize and eliminate some corridors, the study would be more useful to the DRB and planning commission. Make direct field data available to public.

Planning Commission is starting to look at budget for next year. Craig will see if they can fit something in to help fund the Wildlife Corridor study. Perhaps WCC could put some of next years Conservation Reserve Funds towards study?

Damon will look into New England Grassroots Environment Fund as a potential funding source for the Wildlife Corridor Follow-up Study.

MOTION by Kate to sign contract with Arrowwood, seconded by Damon. VOTE: Unanimous, motion carried.

5. Budget for 2012

WCC go to selectboard to ask for extension of our 2011 funds (use 2011 funds in 2012). Likely that Arrowwood will not be able to start field work until 2012 because they need snowier conditions. Need to do a power point presentation at Town Meeting to discuss the past uses of the Conservation Reserve Fund, and why we need it for the future.

6. Updates

- a) Forest, Wildlife and Communities Project & Welcome Wagon- Robin will get list from Jane and a copy of the letter.
- b) Priorities for Conservation – Kate distributes Staying Connected resources for landowners. WCC could easily make one specific to Warren and the Mad River Valley.
- c) other: discuss potential membership to Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions. MOTION by Rocky to approve membership to AVCC, seconded by Margo, VOTE: unanimous, motion carried. Members encouraged to subscribe to listserv: avccvt-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- d) MOTION by Robin to go into executive session to discuss properties, seconded by Damon, VOTE: Unanimous, motion carried. MOTION by Robin to come out of executive session, seconded by Jim, VOTE: Unanimous, motion carried.

e) Other Business

- a. Approve invoices-
- b. Approve meeting minutes- Minutes from October meeting not available
- c. Selectboard Check-in-
- e. Items for next meeting- Next steps for Eaton Town Forest, follow-up calls to landowners that received Welcome Wagon letters, recruiting new WCC members.

f) Adjournment:

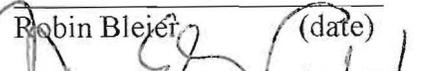
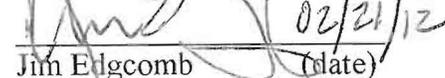
MOTION by Damon, seconded by Kate to adjourn the meeting. VOTE: unanimous; motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Wanner

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