

Town of Warren
Conservation Commission
Meeting Location: Warren Town Offices
Tuesday January 10, 2012

Present: George Schenck, Robin Bennett, Kate Wanner, Rocky Bleier, Jim Edgcomb

1) 7:00 PM – (Call to Order)

2) **Eaton Parcel** -Update on town forest/conservation application

- We were awarded \$8,000 toward conserving the Eaton Town Forest from the Open Space Institute.
- Site visit with Jennifer Melville from Open Space Institute, with cons com and Liza, Kate will schedule.
- VLT will draft conservation easement for review by WCC next meeting
- Letter of Agreement between VLT and Select board regarding easement terms, timing, costs after next WCC meeting
- Field verification of vernal pool and baseline documentation in spring
- Propose to close in May
- Send grant agreement to Cindy - Kate

3) **Outreach to Land Owners**- Welcome Wagon

- Action Item: Each WCC member contact two people (phone call or visits) between now and next meeting, and discuss at next meeting.
- *Kate will send list out electronically, along with letter and talking points*

4) **Preparations for Town Meeting**

- Ask for 10K, figure out per person
- Kate will make map regarding accomplishments: Kingsbury Farm, Blueberry Lake, connection piece next to Riverside Park - talk to Margo and Caitrin
- *Presentation will mention existing corridor map, and current analysis by Arrowwood, \$8000 grant for town forest, development of interpretive trail, email WCC to get list of accomplishments*
- Robin will ask Cindy Jones regarding power point projector and screen
- Robin will ask Margo about requesting an article for \$10K.
- Narrative that goes in book- Damon wrote that last year? Summary of what we've done, lay out a vision of where we are going? George can do vision.
- *Robin will find out when they need it for publication.*
- Robin will find last years summary.
- Robin can't come to town meeting

5) **VYCC potential work**

- formerly worked with VYCC on Eaton trails, check with Margo on continuation of that work on Vista trail
- Mad River Path?

6) **Riverside Park planting**

- Caitrin will present to select board about planting- after town meeting, March 13th
- Need to tune up management plan and present revision to select board- Robin will ask Caitrin

7) **Budget for 2012**

- Robin turned it over to Margo, it was due before Xmas
- New England Grassroots Environmental Fund- Damon looked into, Kate will check on deadline
- tracking analysis: a town-wide need so planning commission should help fund it
- Jim will check back with Craig to see whether he approached the rest of the committee members regarding budget
- Robin will email Margo to get status of budget

8) **Search for new members**

- George and Rocky committed to talking to some folks they think might be interested and would be good additions.

9) **Updates**

- a. Selectboard meeting – after Feb 21 meeting
- b. Other

MOTION by Rocky to go into Executive Session to discuss a property, Kate seconds, VOTE: Unanimous, motion carried.

MOTION by George to come out of Executive Session, Rocky Seconds, VOTE: Unanimous, motion carried.

11) **Other Business**

- a. Approve Invoices - N/A
- b. Approve meeting minutes – print copy not available, will do next meeting
- c. Selectboard Check-in: March 13th re: Riverside Park and Eaton Town Forest
- d. Items for next meeting

6) **Adjourn – 9:30 PM**

cc: Selectboard, PC, DRB, MRVPD, web, post

FOR THE W.C.C.

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 Kate Wanner

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 Robin Bennett