

Town of Warren
Conservation Commission
Meeting Location: Warren Library
October 7th, 2014

Present: Kate Wanner, Damon Reed, Jonathan Clough, Carole Crossman, Rocky Bleier, Jito Coleman

Guest: Corrie Miller, executive director of Friends of the Mad River

- 1) 5:35 PM CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- 2) Toured Riverside Park and discussed the planting and mowing plan with Corrie Miller. It would be best if we could have a full riparian buffer along the whole stretch of the river on this parcel, but we are willing to compromise and encourage a greater buffer on the south end, and smaller buffer on the north end.
- 3) Toured Alderberg Row, and discussed what goals the WCC would have for this parcel. Many use it for parking to hike back to the snowmaking pond, but what else could it be used for? It is a nice flat field, good for frisbee or soccer, if that type of space is needed. Considering the wetland just south of the gravel road, the best ecological management would be to let the field revegetate and reforest to allow for greater wildlife movement between the ridge, wetland and the river. Let's explore the possibility of extending the USFWS plantings to a strip along the river, work with Mad River Path to extend the trail along the river, and also occasionally visit the Mad River Path area after a snow to see whether any wildlife are using the path under the bridge.
- 4) Toured Rewinski/Seniff Parcel. Beautiful spot with a nice beach and good swimming areas. May need careful management to make sure it doesn't get overrun by knotweed. Discussed mowing a path to access the river, and to keep knotweed populations along the northeast bank from spreading, but as a floodplain management area there should be no other significant management.
- 5) Draft management plan for Floodplain Management Areas: Jito will work with Corrie on Management Plan, Jonathan willing to help. Corrie needs to order trees in December. Kate moves to approve Corrie's plan with USFWS plantings and share our support with Select Board. Jito seconds. All in favor. Motion Passed.
- 6) Crib Dam- discussion with Corrie. Conservation Commission is not going to take a stand, but individuals can speak their mind.
- 7) Wildlife Corridor Study- Arrowwood has promised final report by and before next meeting in November.
- 8) Damon has had discussions with Carl Russel of Earthwise Farm and Forest. He does sustainable logging with horses, which would be interesting to do on Eaton Town Forest in coordination with the school. Damon will send him Eaton Management Plan to see whether it is economically feasible and if the logging activities planned for Eaton would be suitable for horse logging.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Kate. Jonathan seconded. All in favor. Adjourn at 8:11 pm.