

Conservation Commission Minutes

Meeting

December 13, 2010

Present: Gloria Medeiros, David Weed, Jane Harrison, Kurt Jamiel, Diane Warren,

Regrets: Bob Rutkiewicz, Helen Hawkinson

Chair: Gloria Medeiros

Next Meeting: December 13, 2010

Minutes: Minutes of the November meeting were approved

Correspondence: None

Meeting –Chr. Gloria Medeiros called the meeting to order in Warren Town Hall Conference Room at 7:10.P.M.

Old Business:

1. Budget - Jane reported that the budget is due to the Town Manager by January 5th. Following discussion, it was recommended that we request \$1,500 with \$200 allocated to speakers, \$600 to beautification, \$450 to the Earth Day Clean-up, and \$250 for water testing. It was noted that we still have \$1,371.90 in the Warren Beautification Donation account. Jane moved and Diane seconded a motion to submit this budget. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Officers - Gloria announced that this would be her last meeting on the Commission. Members praised for her many years of service and leadership on the Commission and hoped that she would stay

actively involved in Commission projects. She then called for nominations of officers for 2011. Dave recommended that Bob serve as Chair, Jane as Corresponding Secretary, and he would serve as Secretary. Kurt agreed to serve as Vice-Chair. Dave moved the slate which was accepted unanimously.

3. Hugh Cole Bench - David has not received a response from DPW as to when the slabs will be removed from Linda's property. David will follow up. Item remains on the agenda.

4. Inspection of Detention/retention ponds - Jane reported that she has been in touch with Janet Baldwin, a professor of engineering at Roger Williams University, and sent her photos she took on our recent tour. Following discussion, Jane agreed to follow up to see if she would be available to come to a meeting in February or March.

5. Beautification –

Company Street Scenic Waterfront Overlook - Gloria reported that she never heard back from John Massed and she still has the plants in her yard that need to be moved to Fatima Drive. She will get back to Dave Frerichs to update him. Jane showed the enlarged plans for Fatima Drive and Company Street that she had made. All agreed that they looked very good. Jane proposed that we get on the agenda for the February Town Council meeting to describe what we are seeking to do at each location. Dave suggested that we contact the abutters to

make sure they know about the meeting in advance and agreed to obtain the addresses of the abutters from the Planning Department.

Rt. 114 Entrance to Town- The sign is still not painted. Will keep this on the agenda until it is.

Main and Crescent Streets - Helen is still checking on this.

Memorial Tree at Town Beach - Jane reported that the tree has been planted. She suggested that we look into getting a memorial plaque installed in the spring that would read "Donated in Memory of Janice Urban, Member, Warren Conservation Commission." Judy Fardig is to invoice us \$300 for the tree.

5. Stop & Shop Proposed Gas Facility – Nothing new on this issue. It was noted that Ann Morrill of the Kickemuit River Council is following this closely.

New Business

1. CRMC Dock Application - (Jane recused herself before discussion) Following discussion of the application for a shared boating facility at 25 and 21 Shore Drive, it was moved, second and passed unanimously to send our usual letter to the CRMC stating our concerns about the increasing number of private docks on the Kickemuit. Gloria agreed to sign and send the letter.

Kurt reported that he was told by a neighbor that someone had put paint on a bench at the bottom of Baker Street. He agreed to look into it.

Jane reported that Butch Lombardi from Campbell Street has applied to join the Commission and was approved by the Town Council at the December meeting. Butch will be joining us at our next meeting, January 10, 2011.

David moved the meeting be adjourned. Kurt seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
David Weed**