

Warren Conservation Commission Minutes

Meeting of January 10, 2011

Present: David Weed, Jane Harrison, Kurt Jamiel, Diane Warren, Butch Lombardi, Bob Rutkiewicz, Helen Hawkinson

Regrets: None

Chair: Kurt Jamiel

Next Meeting: February 7, 2011

Minutes: Minutes of the December meeting were approved

Correspondence: None

Meeting –Chr. called the meeting to order in Warren Town Hall Conference Room at 7:15.P.M.

Bob declined the offer for him to serve as Chair. Kurt agreed to take over. Helen will serve as vice-chair. Jane moved the recommendation, Diane seconded. and the motion passed unanimously.

After a review of the minutes, Helen moved their acceptance, Jane seconded and all voted to approve.

Jane announced that an open space bond request for \$500K can be put into the Town budget if we write a letter to Town Council requesting it. We ask for a new bond every three years. Jane moved Bob seconded and all voted to request Jane to write a letter to replace bonds that expire in 2011-2012 budget

Annual Report: Jane passed out a report of activities for 2010. We expect to be on the agenda for the February town meeting. Bob moved to accept the report for 2010 as written, Diane seconded, and all voted in favor.

Dave stated that the list of Conservation Commission members and the annual calendar will be posted on the state website.

Jane has a bill for \$8.75 for the enlargements. Motion to pay was made by Butch, Diane seconded, and all were favor. Helen will take over budgeting.

Correspondence – None

Old Business

Hugh Cole Bench - Dave had nothing new to report.

Inspection of Detention/retention ponds – Jane reported that Janet Waldren will come to either the February or March meeting to respond to our questions.

Town Council meeting presentation – motion to move item to the bottom of the agenda after Helen moved, Jane seconded.

Entrance to town sign - Tabled until warmer weather.

Main & Crescent Streets – Helen contacted the Bristol Scout Master and learned that maintaining a piece of land was a not suitable project for Eagle Scouts. Bob questions if this could be a clean-up day project for RWU students in August. Jane responded that we can get on the list but we'd have to supervise them. Members were asked to look for other possible groups.

Memorial tree – This item will stay on the agenda on until we get a bill.

Stop & shop – It was suggested that we send a letter to the planning board regarding our concerns once the matter comes before the planning board.

New Business

Warren documentary – Diane watched it and said it reminded her of a travelogue. She would like to put together a documentary about Warren, talk about the Indians and the Colonists. This seems good time to think about putting together a new one as part of a comprehensive plan with a state grant. Dave Bolster has suggested a new one. Diane is thinking of local colleges who have young people who might want to be involved. Bob moved, Helen seconded and all voted in favor. She will start by looking for money from the RI Foundation.

Bob recused himself at 8:05 p.m. because he is in proximity of Fatima drive.

Town Council meeting –Dave Frerich asked that we make a presentation on the 100 X 100’ lot on the north side of Fatima Drive. Jane brought Butch up to date on the plans for use of the property and the end of Baker Street. We are on the agenda to present our annual report to include Green acres, Hugh Cole well, traffic islands, for beautification and habitat restoration on Feb 8th but will ask to be put at the end of the meeting. Dave brought list of abutters. We will compliment John Massed. Following discussion, Kurt expressed the idea that notifying abutters would serve no purpose. Without a binding vote on the docket, we do not need to send a notice. Helen moved that we not send a notice to abutter, but that we pursue getting an article in the press about the beautification projects of the WCC. Butch seconded the motion. It was then amended to not include an article in the press. Jane will send description to the paper following the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners’ concerns: None

A motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. was made, Diane seconded it, and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

David Weed