

Warren Conservation Commission Minutes

Meeting February 7, 2011

Present: David Weed, Jane Harrison, Kurt Jamiel, Butch Lombardi, Helen Hawkinson

Regrets: Diane Warren, Bob Rutkiewicz

Chair: Kurt Jamiel

Next Meeting: March 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 a.m. by Kurt following some discussion with Butch about the Osprey nests in Warren, which has the largest concentration of Osprey nests and the second largest concentration of new ospreys in the state, with a total count of 270 fledglings in Rhode Island.

Minutes: Jane moved that the minutes of the January 10, 2011 be accepted as submitted, Butch seconded, and all voted in favor.

Budget: Helen e-mailed the budget to everyone. She stated we have \$1,374.28 remaining in this year's budget. We have \$1,372 in the Warren Beautification Fund, with \$300 committed to the pay for the memorial tree at the town beach that will stay in that account. Jane made a motion to approve budget, Butch seconded, all voted in favor.

Correspondence: Jane received a thank you letter from George Hail for the book Bringing Nature Home, so it's now available to everyone.

Old Business

- 1. Hugh Cole Well bench - Dave reported nothing new on the bench.**
- 2. Inspection of Detention/retention ponds - Jane reported that Janet Baldwin will come to the March 21st meeting.**
- 3. Town Council meeting – Our presentation has been rescheduled until March, with a request that we not be called until after 9:00 p.m. so that Jane can get there. Jane suggested that we highlight what we've done, acknowledge John Massed, and then describe our past projects: Green acres, Baker St Overlook, Kickemuit Reservoir fish ladder, Metacom Avenue traffic island, bike path planting, and the Hugh Cole well site. Then, Jane suggested that we first describe the Company Street scenic overlook with Tony Guida, then the Fatima Drive suburban bird habitat with advice from Audubon, and end by mentioning Earth Day.**
- 4. Beautification, Main and Crescent Streets – Butch stated that this could be a project for a scout troop, but, after discussion, decided that it would be best to table this until we find another group. Butch moved, Helen seconded, all voted in favor to take this off the agenda.**
- 5. Stop & Shop - Jane reported that we are waiting for the zoning**

board on Wednesday and could send letter after that if we decided to.

New business

1. Earth Day - Dunkin Donuts will do tee shirts and refreshments. Katie Dickson, Wooden Ship Midshipman on Water Street, will design the tee shirts. It was noted that we have to reserve the pavilion for April 30th. Earth Day is the 22nd, but it's Easter. Jane will try to get flyer for the March Town Council meeting. We will ask Bob to contact the tree committee, the Land Trust, Kickemuit River Council and the Grange to see if they have anything to sell or promote.

2. Comprehensive Plan – Butch & Kurt attended the Roger Williams University advisory committee today and will attend the March, April 4th, and May 9th meetings. Today's meeting laid the groundwork and covered historic preservation. The project is large. Arnold Robinson is leading it and will create a historic preservation outline. They are talking about conducting survey of the town residents as a way to get many people involved. We will keep this item on the agenda but will remove Fatima Drive and Company Street from the agenda.

At 8:15 p.m., Helen moved to adjourn, Butch seconded, all voted in favor.

The next meeting will be on March 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Weed

Recording Secretary