

# **Warren Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes**

**September 19, 2011**

**Present: Jane Harrison, Helen Hawkinson, Kurt Jamiel, Butch Lombardi, Bob Rutkiewicz and David Weed**

**Regrets: Diane Warren**

**Chair: Kurt Jamiel**

**Next Meeting: October 17, 2011**

**The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Kurt Jamiel. A motion to accept the minutes of the August 15 2011 meeting was moved by Jane, seconded by Bob and approved unanimously.**

**Budget report – Helen reported she spent \$25.68 for eight plants for the town entrance sign. With \$18.41 for soil testing through UMass-Amherst, she submitted receipts for \$44.09 for reimbursement from our account with the town. That leaves \$1,155.91 for the remainder of the year in our account. Bob moved to accept budget report, Jane seconded it, and all voted all in favor.**

**Correspondence: None was received, though Kurt reported on a question voice to him orally by a concerned citizen regarding the Commission minutes and agenda posted on the Secretary of State web site. Following discussion, it was determined that the minutes for the June 20, 2011 meeting be attached to the bottom of these minutes\*, as they cannot now be posted on the web site after the agenda was not posted by the 48 hour deadline before that meeting. A motion to authorize the posting of the minutes from June 20th meeting was made by Helen, seconded by Butch, and voted**

unanimously.

**Old Business:**

**1. Hugh Cole Well bench -- David reported that there is no reason to keep this item on the agenda as Mr. Massad has the stone for the benches and will eventually use them to create a bench for the Hugh Cole Well site.**

**2. Beautification**

**Rt. 114 entrance to Town plantings -- Helen reported that the plantings have been done.**

**Memorial Tree at Town Beach – Bob reported that Judy Fardig reported that the memorial plaque for Janice Urban is in progress**

**Fatima Drive Park – (Bob recused himself for the discussion) Jane spoke with Dave Frerichs about the destruction of the grass at the back of the property, and he then brought it to the attention of the Warren Police and asked them to keep an eye on the property. He also suggested that, in the future, we should go to the police after any other problems. Jane also reported that Gloria still has the plants but is not sure they are worth the effort to transplant them as most are dead or nearly dead and they no longer fit into our planting plan. Jane will suggest that Gloria dispose of them.**

**Company Street Waterfront Overlook – Kurt sent two emails to the town planner, Caroline, but, so far, has received no response. He will ask neighborhood liaison to contact Caroline to see if the work could be done in the spring. There is still a \$3,000 grant available with a**

rolling application.

### **3. Storm water basins**

Topo maps – Bob spoke with Caroline and hasn't heard back. He understands that she has topo maps with the drainage areas marked. Jane will give her email address to Bob so he can contact her.

4. Palmer River conservation easement -- Butch talked with the group doing the water quality study who sees the proposed conservation easement as a good project. Butch will try to see if Larry, who owns the golf course, has moved ahead. Larry may be leaving for the West Coast in October and may not be back until April, so this project may not happen this year.

5. Plat 13C lot 560 rezoning request from R10 to B - It appears that Bob Avila has put the project off until the 11/8 Town Council meeting; Jane hasn't written the letter that we authorized yet, so we'll have another meeting to discuss to discuss this further.

### **New Business:**

1. Ten Year Grand Plan / East Bay Conservation and Arts Corridor -- Kurt brought up a number of ideas about the Commission developing a ten-year plan for the conservation areas for whole town so we would not just be reacting to things that come our way but, instead, work to create a vision for the future. Following several minutes of discussion it was suggest that this be tabled until the next meeting.

2. East Bay Conservation & Arts Corridor (see above)

**3. Warren Yacht Club Baker Street -- Kurt visited the Baker Street area a few weeks ago and noted that the abutter to the Baker Street area now has a new fence next to it. Apparently, the abutter doesn't want bushes next to his fence, so it appears that he ripped them up and threw them out. It's not clear whether they were on his property or on town property. As to the potential development of a yacht club in the area, Kurt noted that our mission is the protection of historic easements, and this is potentially threatened by the construction of a yacht club so close to the Massasoit Spring;**

**Commissioners' Concerns: Jane asked if there was interest in installing more of the storm drain markers. No one appears to have the time in the coming weeks that the weather will be favorable to do it.**

**Helen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., Butch seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.**

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**\*Unfiled minutes of the meeting of June 20, 2011**

**Minutes: Monday, June 20, 2011**

**Warren Town Hall conference room**

**Attendance: Jane Harrison, Helen Hawkinson, Kurt Jamiel, Diane Warren**

**President Kurt Jamiel called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. May minutes were approved as written.**

**Budget: Commissioners decided to purchase a bird bath and 2 bird houses to add to the habitat at the Fatima Drive Park, flowers for the Company Street Scenic Waterfront overlook, and Mutt Mitts for the dispensers around town. Motion Diane, second Jane, all in favor.**

**Correspondence: Letter from FEMA to Mr. Paduch. Helen explained the importance of the FEMA updated flood insurance rate maps and noted that the Commission should participate in the process as warranted.**

**Old Business:**

- 1. Earth Day Clean-up: After a very successful event, all bills have been paid.**
- 2. Comp Plan, RWU Advisory Committee: The completed plan should be released soon.**
- 3. Hugh Cole Well, bench and monument: DPW has picked up the granite slabs from Formica's.**
- 4. Beautification: Kurt will paint the planter at the Rt. 114 entrance to Town. Gloria Medeiros planted flowers at Baker Street.**
- 5. Warren documentary: Diane is researching funding opportunities.**
- 6. Storm Water Basins: Jane presented copies of the Declaration of Restrictions and Protective Covenants that governs the maintenance responsibilities of Privet Drive residents.**

**New Business:**

- 1. Palmer River conservation and easement: Tabled for more**

**information.**

**2. FEMA flood planning meeting: Helen attended and will monitor progress.**

**3. CRMC dock application, Palumbo: Kurt will send a letter stating the Commission's objections.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.**