

Warren Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2012

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

Absent: None

Chair: Kurt Jamiel

Next Meeting: February 27, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Kurt Jamiel.

A motion was made by Bob to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2011 meeting as amended, seconded by Jane, and approved unanimously.

Kurt noted that Joe DePasquale is sick and will not be reporting to the Commission this evening.

Budget report –

Helen handed out a copy of the budget for the 2010-11 year for a total of \$1,500 and the current year (2011-12) which had been reduced to \$1,200 by the Town Council. Bob suggested that we add a category of wildlife habitat restoration. Jane suggested that we budget \$150 for that item. Jane suggested that we raise the Earth Day Clean-up to \$550 and Helen that we reduce the speakers to \$100. Bob suggested raising the water testing of the retention ponds to \$300, reduce the dog waste management to \$200, and add \$200 for to the Warren Beautification account. Bob moved and Butch seconded that we submit a 2012-13 budget request for \$1,500. All voted in favor.

Administration –

The budget as voted will be submitted by January 25, 2012.

Correspondence –

None

Old Business:

1. Beautification:

Rt. 114 entrance to Town - Helen reports that nothing is new at the entrance.

Memorial Tree at Town Beach – Bob had no report.

Fatima Drive Park – The issue will not be discussed until the spring.

Company Street Waterfront Overlook – Kurt is waiting for Caroline to indicate who actually owns the property adjacent to the Overlook. Has been notifying neighbors about volunteering to keep the area clean.

2. Storm water basins –

Bob displayed the topo maps that he received from Caroline showing the geographic contours of the town. Discussion followed. Jane will bring plans for some of the retention ponds to see how these line up with the topo maps. Butch will use his GPS to look at one of the retention ponds.

4. Palmer River conservation easement –

Butch reported that this issue is dead for the time being because it had to be done by the first of the year. It may come back to us in the future, however.

5. Wrightman's Farm – This is being discussed at the Town Council meeting.

6. Old Warren Marina

Kurt had no updates. We should be notified if it comes up in the future.

6. Libby Lane

The boats have been removed but the docks are still in the river. This has been reported in the paper.

7. Town Code Conservation Areas

Jane did ask for a definition of passive recreation sites, such as Baker St, Fatima, Company Street and Patterson, were not on the list.

New Business

Mike contacted Butch who discussed the placement of the osprey pole. He has contacted Wenly who said he will attach the permit application to the Save the Bay application for the phragmites abatement. The pole will have to be up by March 15th. It will not be tripoded because of the water and potential for freezing.

Commissioners' Concerns:

Kurt reported that not many holiday trees were left for disposal..

Bob moved and Helen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Weed, Secretary