

Warren Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2012

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

Absent: Jane Harrison

Chair: Kurt Jamiel

Next Meeting: March 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Kurt Jamiel.

A motion was made by Bob to accept the minutes of the January 23, 2011 meeting as amended, seconded by Helen, and approved as amended unanimously.

Budget report –

Helen reported that we did not spend all of our money last year because we only spent \$75 on the bird bath and didn't have time to spend the remaining money. We will submit a total of \$1,500 even though it was reduced to \$1,200 by the Town Council budget meeting. Butch suggested that the budget include the funds needed for the osprey nest.

Guest – old business

Joe DePasquale reported on the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) which is working on registering volunteer hours performed by people over 55. He explained the benefits, including liability and medical insurance. We would have to report our hours monthly. We would have to sign a memorandum of understanding with RSVP to be

eligible. We would then report the number of hours each month. He can be called at 401-435-7876. Bob moved to put the issue on the agenda for the March 19th meeting, Butch seconded the motion, and all voted unanimously in favor.

Administration – Bob moved to submit annual report as written and distributed by Jane at last month’s meeting. Diane seconded the motion and all voted unanimously in favor.

Correspondence – Tabled

Old Business:

1. Beautification:

Rt. 114 entrance to Town - Helen reported that nothing is new at the entrance. She suggested that we keep the space around the well tended but not try to extend beyond that.

Memorial Tree at Town Beach – Bob reported that nothing has been done.

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

Company Street Waterfront Overlook – Kurt is working with Caroline to indicate who actually owns the property at the Overlook.

2. Storm water basins –

Butch reported that they built a pond on the Palmer River conservation easement, but it's going to fill up. Kurt reported that there will be a dedicated escrow account to pay for ongoing maintenance.

5. Wrightman's Farm – Noting to report.

6. Old Warren Marina

Kurt had no updates

6. Libby Lane

Nothing to report.

7. Town Code Conservation Areas

Diane moved that we remove this item from the agenda. Helen seconded the motion and all voted unanimously in favor.

8. Placement of the osprey pole

Butch reported that the permit is in from CMRC and he's ready to put the osprey pole in. It should be up by the next meeting.

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New Business:

1. Earth Day

It was pointed out that this is our 20th celebration which will be noted on the tee shirt design. Diane suggested that we order more medium and small tee shirts. We will have the same DJ, and Charles Staton will be there to give away the little trees. Bob will get the supplies from Sam's Club. Representatives of the Warren Community Garden will be invited along with Anne Morrow and the Grange. Dave will speak with Jane to be sure we send out notices to the media.

Commissioners' Concerns: None

Bob moved, and Helen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m., and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Weed, Secretary