

# **Warren Conservation Commission Minutes**

**Meeting July 16, 2012**

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

**Regrets: Diane Warren**

**Chair: Kurt Jamiel**

**Next Meeting: August 20, 2012**

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

**Minutes – Jane moved that we accept the minutes as amended and seconded by Butch, and all voted in favor.**

**Kate Dickson of Ship Shape did not appear.**

**Budget report – Helen reported that there are no changes. The tree was \$350 for the memorial tree and plaque leaving us with \$109.12 remaining in the budget.**

**Correspondence – None**

**Old Business**

**1. Beautification**

- a) Route 114 entrance – Helen reported that the flowers are doing fine at the town entrance, and all agreed.**
- b) Memorial tree – The tree is in.**
- c) Fatima Drive Park – Tabled**
- d) Company Street Waterfront Overlook – Work is proceeding slowly by DPW. Jane suggested that people could donate plants from their own yard.**

**2. Detention/retention and Writman's Farm – Butch suggested that we should be at meetings to be sure that the owners understand what they are responsible for. We should require that responsibility be clearly placed with the owner. Dave suggested that we ask the solicitor for assistance. Jane suggested we look at what other towns are doing such as the water gardens at Bristol Town Beach.**

**Jane re-submitted the letter we approved a year ago with a current date. There will be a hearing on Tuesday. Bob asked about test wells looking for contamination on the Farm property. R & J Manufacturing used to be there.**

**3. Old Warren Marina - Butch has to look at low tide to take photos. Nothing to add. CRMC says they are in compliance.**

**4. Libby Lane - Taken off the agenda**

**5. Eagle Scout project – Charlie went out with Butch on the Palmer**

River, walked in from Fed Ex. The bulk of the property is not clear who owns it next to Nunes Farm. Because ownership is not definitive, they used GPS and found seven viable sites. Charlie will take the locations back to the assessor to see what is town property. We could ask the Diocese for permission to put up a pole. The Land Trust property may be the best choice. Bob suggested that we look into who owns each of those parcels. Jane suggested that we could look on-line.

6. Bob looked for the fish ladder man who placed the fish into the reservoir. He thought they had an automatic gate, though it is manual. Bob will talk with him some more. Jane reported that the Kickemuit River Council has permission to put a sign up there.

## **New Business**

1. Quahog Festival – Jane said that we did not have a lot of people and made a motion that we not attend this year. Bob seconded it and all voted in favor. We will look into another venue later in the year.

## **Commissioners' Concerns:**

2. Jane suggested that we look into speakers for the library. Butch noted that Charlotte Sonaberger is working to maintain a viable turtle population in the Palmer River. They were just over the Warren line in Swansea, but haven't found a spot in Warren except in the German

**Club parking lot. We had 178 turtles up from 158. Butch suggested that could get her as a speaker, and he will talk with her.**

**3. Bob asked about doing Drains to the Bay stickers now that Child Street appears to be done.**

**4. Dave reported on the Hugh Cole sign replacement which still hasn't been done.**

**5. Dave will contact Caroline about the status of the broken bridge replacement.**

**6. Bob has a screech owl a barn owl, a kestrel, and a woodpecker house. Butch has some ideas where to put them up in the fall.**

**Bob made a motion to adjourn, Helen seconded it, and all voted in favor at 8:35 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**David Weed**

**Recording Secretary**