

Warren Conservation Commission Minutes

Meeting of April 21, 2014

Present: Jerry Belair, Jane Harrison, Jeanne Leffers, Butch Lombardi, Barbara Paroline and David Weed

Regrets: Wendy Brennen

Chair: Butch Lombardi

Next Meeting: May 12, 2014

The meeting was called to order 7:10 p.m. by Butch Lombardi.

Minutes - Jane moved and Jane seconded a motion to accept the March 17, 2014 minutes as submitted. All voted in favor.

Budget report – Jane deposited \$500 from DEM for Earth Day which will be deposited in the Warren Beautification account which is now at \$2,620.00. We still have \$1,000 in this year’s account. Motion to accept was made by Jane, seconded by Barbara, all voted in favor.

Correspondence – Jane reported on a letter that she received from CRMC that there will be a full hearing on the 73 Maple Street dock per our request. We also received correspondence that there is will be a public hearing on April 23rd at the Touisset Country Club regarding Touisset Point Development in Swansea. This will only affect run-off on one property in Warren. No action was needed on either item.

Old Business:

1. Earth Day – We will hold the event on April 26th. Jane thinks we're in good shape. Butch talked to Derrick about the grill. We'll need a truck to take it back after he delivers it. He will get the latex gloves and put up the sandwich board. Dave Urban will pick up the tee-shirts. Ted Hayes will have a photo in the paper. Jane sent him a flyer and gave him the information. Jerry will pick up the food. Jane will pick up 50 cotton gloves. John Massed will bring the bags. Jane went over the list of places to clean up. Jane has more flyers to put out.

2. Speaker Program – Barbara heard back from Scott Turner stating that he would be happy to do something on any topic in the fall. Butch suggested that he lead a walk through one of the properties. She will contact him about a possible date. Butch suggested a walk through Chace's Farm as a possibility.

3. Beautification –

a. Hugh Cole Well – Dave called Judy to remind John about cutting the stone for the bench, but he has not responded.

b. Baker Street Scenic Overlook – Jane looked at it. Jerry will call John Holmes who lives nearby to see about maintenance.

c. Open Space – This item will be tabled until after Earth Day

4. Storm drain labeling – We can do Water Street after the next meeting.

5. Habitat projects:

a. Turtle nesting habitat – We will take this off of the agenda.

b. Owl nests – Jerry and Butch will put the screech owl next up on Town property in the tree farm.

c. Bat houses – Jerry and Butch will put this up, too.

d. Walking trails –Butch plans to walk the property next to Chace’s Farm with Joey DePasquale.

6. Broken Bridge bike path – Wendy reported that she corresponded with Caroline Wells last month and she was expecting the finished designs from the State in a few weeks - about now. She contacted her for an update but has not heard yet.

New Business:

Jerry brought up the issue of water consumption which averages 90

gallons per person per day. He would like to know why we do not charge people more money when they use more to encourage conservation. Jerry will draft a letter to the Bristol County Water Authority that he will bring to next month's meeting for discussion.

Commissioners' Concerns – None

A motion was made by Jane and seconded by Jerry that we adjourn at 8:35 p.m. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

David Weed

Recording Secretary