

# **Warren Conservation Commission Minutes**

**Meeting of July 21, 2014**

**Present: Wendy Brennen Jane Harrison, Jeanne Leffers, Butch Lombardi, Jerry Belair and David Weed**

**Regrets: Barbara Paroline**

**Chair: Butch Lombardi**

**Next Meeting: August 18, 2014**

**The meeting was called to order 7:14 p.m. by Butch**

**Minutes – Acceptance of the June 16, 2014 minutes was moved by Wendy, seconded by Jane, and passed unanimously.**

**Budget report – Following Dave's purchase of the bike rack for \$569.22, we have \$15.07 left in the 2014 budget. We now have \$1,000 in the 2015 budget. Dave will contact John massed about installing the rack near the pavilion.**

**Correspondence – We were notified that CRMC received an application from the Warren Land Trust but no action is needed.**

**Old Business:**

**1. Speaker Program – Scott Turner is booked for a presentation on October 18th.**

## **2. Beautification –**

**a. Hugh Cole Well – Dave is still waiting for word from John Massed.**

**b. Baker Street and Company Street – Flowers are growing in the Baker Street planter but no weeding has been done. We could ask the neighbors to plant stella d'oro daylilies along the fence on Company Street that we could purchase with beautification funds. Jerry will look for contact information for Cindy and Jane will ask her.**

**c. Open Space – nothing new**

**3. Storm drain labeling – Jane, Jeanne, and Barbara did some labeling. Helen and Michael Gerhardt also did some. Butch will do Water Street where it has been renovated. Caroline sent Jane the plans for reconstructing the sidewalks along Water Street, so we'll take it off the agenda.**

## **4. Habitat projects:**

**a. Owl nests – Jerry and Butch still plan to put them up on Town property in the tree farm.**

**b. Bat house – Jerry and Butch will put this up, too.**

**c. Walking trails –Butch hasn't been out to the Walking Trail.**

**5. Broken Bridge bike path – Wendy said that plans will be discussed at the Planning Board meeting on the 28th. Apparently, there is enough money to do it but the town hasn't committed to do the project. Several Commission members plan to attend the Planning Board meeting next Monday to learn more.**

**National Grid trail has been completed plans for bicycle trails on their land between Warren and Bristol. Wendy will try to find the time frame they have in mind for construction.**

**New Business:**

**Jerry handed out the Bristol County Water Authority rate schedule. Warren has the lowest rate of use in the East Bay. Jerry wants to ask why larger users are charged lower rates. Charging the same rate would encourage conservation. Jerry will draft the letter and Butch will sign it.**

**Jane asked the group to review the Conservation Plan and noted that variances and failure to follow the plan will undermine its utility. She did not see anything to comment on. Jane moved that we support the recommendations of the plan. Jeanne seconded. All voted in favor.**

## **Commissioners' Concerns – None**

**A motion was made by Wendy and seconded by Butch that we adjourn at 8:50 p.m. All voted in favor.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**David Weed**

**Recording Secretary**