

Warren Conservation Commission Minutes

Meeting of August 18, 2014

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

Regrets: Wendy Brennan, Jerry Belair

Chair: Butch Lombardi

Next Meeting: September 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order 7:07 p.m. by Butch

Minutes – Acceptance of the July 21, 2014 minutes was moved by Jane, seconded by Jeanne, and passed unanimously.

Budget report – Jerry was not here for a report.

Correspondence – Jane received a notice of a public hearing of the Swansea Planning Board this afternoon for this evening. Butch will call the Swansea Town Planner to find out why were notified.

Old Business:

1. Speaker Program – We should start publicity right after our next meeting. We should also flyer the schools and the town hall.

2. Beautification –

a. Hugh Cole Well – Dave went to the Well and found that it is overgrown but the plaque is still there.

b. Baker Street and Company Street – Flowers are growing in the Baker Street planter and the site looks good. The Company Street overlook is o.k. but could use some work. Jane will contact Jerry to see if he has been able to contact the neighbor.

c. Open Space – We will remove this item from the agenda.

3. Storm drain labeling – Commission members will take a supply of labels and glue and will do them as they can.

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 – Jean, Butch and David reported on the Planning Board meeting that they attended several weeks ago at which it was recommended that the project move forward. We will

need to follow-up.

National Grid trail was reported by Caroline and the Planning Board meeting to be an integral part of the Safe Routes to School plan for the project.

6. Water use fee structure – Jerry was not present to report

New Business:

CRMC notified us of an application by Jay Cardosi of 50 Sachem Street for a fixed pier that would extend over 100 feet from his property into the Kickemuit River. Following discussion, Jane moved to send our standard letter objecting to the proliferation of docks in the river. Jeanne seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Commissioners' Concerns – None

A motion was made by Barbara and seconded by Jeanne that we adjourn at 8:25 p.m. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

David Weed

Recording Secretary