

Warren Conservation Commission Minutes

Meeting of September 15, 2014

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

Regrets: None

Chair: Butch Lombardi

Next Meeting: October 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order 7:02 p.m. by Butch Lombardi

Minutes – Acceptance of the August 18, 2014 minutes was moved by Jeanne, seconded by Wendy, and passed unanimously.

Budget report – Jerry reported \$2,621.19 in our Beautification Fund and an additional \$1,000 for this year with no changes since our last report. Jane moved acceptance of the report, Wendy seconded it, and all voted in favor.

Correspondence – Jane received a response from CRMC that they have received our letter regarding 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. This will require that it will go on their agenda for a public hearing. Jane will notify us of when that is scheduled.

Old Business:

1. Speaker Program – Barbara reported that everything looks good for the Nature Walk. The speaker wanted to know if we'll limit the number of people. Jeanne will do a flyer and Barbara will put it in the Warren Times. We will pay a \$100 honorarium.

2. Beautification –

a. Hugh Cole Well – Dave talked to Ryan at Warren Monuments and learned that they do not have a way to cut the granite slabs for the bench, so he suggested that John Massad cut it himself or get a mason to cut it. Dave will contact him.

b. Baker Street and Company Street – Jerry spoke to John Massad, but nothing has happened. Butch will talk to Tarra Tibedeaux at the Warren Yaught Club about their taking it over.

3. Storm drain labeling – Nothing new

4. Habitat projects:

a. Owl nests – Jerry and Butch still plan to put the barn owl house up on a barn.

b. Bat house – Jerry and Butch will put this up once the birds leave.

c. Walking trails – We could work on a grant. Wendy will email Caroline about walking trail grants.

5. Broken Bridge bike path – The town solicitor needs to work out an easement for use of the western side of the bridge. Wendy will e-mail the town manager.

6. Water use fee structure – Jerry talked to two people at the Water Authority. He will go over his notes for the next meeting.

New Business:

A proposed Kickemuit Wood Development in Swansea was discussed. We need information on environmental impact report, EPA water report, leeching areas, detention ponds and maintenance, buffer zones, the amount of impervious surface, sewage system, and the amount of green space. We will address a letter to Mass Housing stating our confusion over the name of the project (Kickemuit Woods vs. Princeton at Mill Road) and expressing our concern over potential pollution in the Kickemuit River and other environmental issues. A motion to have Jane send the letter was made by Wendy, seconded by Jerry, and all voted in favor.

Commissioners' Concerns – Butch went to the meeting of the Town Council in support of the reinstatement of a full time building official.

David reported on a Friends of Burr's Hill meeting to plan for the reinterment of Native American remains in the Park.

A motion was made by Barbara and seconded by Jeanne that we adjourn at 9:05 p.m. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

David Weed

Recording Secretary