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**Minutes of Meeting**

**Warwick Wildlife and Conservation Commission**

**January 18, 2018**

**Chair Anne Holst called the meeting of the Warwick Wildlife and Conservation Commission to order at 7:03PM at Clouds Hill Victorian House Museum, 4157 Post Road, Warwick, RI. Members in attendance were Wayne Cabral, Carl Bergden, Mike Clark, Sue Kennedy, and Sue Cabeceiras from the Planning Department was also present. Not present were Commissioners Henry Brown and Ray Meunier**

**A motion to accept the minutes of the December 2017 meeting was made by Mike, seconded by Wayne and unanimously approved.**

**Anne suggested to the Commission that they install Duck boxes in Greene's River. The Commissioners agreed that was a good location. The Commissioners wondered who was responsible for maintaining the trails. Sue C. asked Lidia of the Planning Dept. who was to maintain the trails; she said they had not finished correcting the engineering problems with the trail. After the trails are completed, the DPW would maintain it.**

**Anne reported that the Plat of land that was sold for development**

adjacent to Dawley Farm has begun construction. They are presently installing telephone poles on the site.

Wayne reported that the DPW had cut invasive plants, added stones in the parking lot and cleared the center trail at Chepiwanoxet Point.

Wayne also looked into replacing the Gallaudet with a 3x4 UV protected material which will cost between \$60 and \$80 for the printed sign. He will find out what it will cost for a sign that will not fade.

Anne's cousin has more Gallaudet info that he will be sending to her, after she reviews the material she may want to add some of this material to the sign.

Wayne has compiled the information on the supplies and information that Clouds Hill Victorian House Museum used for their tree identification project. Their signs were purchased from Voss Sign Company from Manlius NY, the screws they used were 4 small 6x5/8 pan head phillips stainless steel, and 2 large 10x3 pan head phillips stainless steel screws, and they are mounted on a pvc board purchased in 12 foot sheets that can be purchased for about \$50 each, and can be cut to mount 24 signs. Sue C. discussed how many signs of each species she should order with Anne. She will compile a list from Voss sign and send it to Anne to review.

The Commissioners discussed the map that will be produced identifying the location of the trees. Sue C. was asked to find out if Ray took GPS readings of the flagged trees when the commissioners met with TeeJay Boudreau from DEM at City Park to flag the trees.

Sue C. contacted TeeJay and told him we are now able to install the signs on the trees and will not need the grant money to purchase

posts etc to mount the tree signs. She asked if we could use the grant money for tree signs for another City property and he said yes, the Commissioners discussed possibly putting the additional signs at Chepiwanoxet. Sue C. will contact TeeJay in the spring to meet at Chepiwanoxet to identify the trees.

The commissioners discussed holding the Wildlife Action Plan for Unique natural location tours at the Warwick Public Library on April 11, 2018. The commissioners decided the presentation will be broken down as follows:

**Mary's Creek**

**History – Anne**

**Uniqueness – Dr. Kupa - Anne will invite**

**Greene's River**

**History - Anne**

**Uniqueness – Birder Mike Tucker - Sue K. will invite**

**Millcove**

**History – Henry**

**Uniqueness – Henry**

**Blueways**

**Wayne**

Sue K. will get copies of the URI book that was passed out at the summer events and invite birder Mike Tucker, Sue C. invited Baykeeper Mike Jarbeau who put it on his calendar but chooses not to speak.

Sue C. put together 39 power point slides for these presentations

from the poster boards that were displayed on site at the original presentations. She had pictures of Mary's Creek and Greene's River. She could not find her pictures of Millcove and asked Wayne to send her pictures of the poster for Millcove. Sue C. gave the printouts of the power point to Anne for review.

The Commissioners discussed future bat houses that may be placed at Chepiwanoxet and City Park. Wayne has the material and may work with Luke Meunier and Faith Kennedy on this project for their school community service.

The Planning Department Annex had a pipe burst and the building has been evacuated. Sue C. has secured the Pilgrim Senior Center for future meetings. Anne offered to have the meetings at Clouds Hill until the Annex is reopened. Sue C. Asked the commissioners which location they would prefer, it was agreed to meet at Clouds Hill for future meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM by motion from Carl seconded by Mike and unanimously approved by the Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Cabeceiras, Planning Dept.