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Minutes of Meeting

Warwick Wildlife and Conservation Commission

February 15, 2018

Chair Anne Holst called the meeting of the Warwick Wildlife and Conservation Commission to order at 7:00PM at Clouds Hill Victorian House Museum, 4157 Post Road, Warwick, RI. Members in attendance were Wayne Cabral, Carl Bergden, Mike Clark, Ray Meunier, and Henry Brown and Sue Cabeceiras from the Planning Department was also present. Not present was Commissioner Sue Kennedy.

A motion to accept the minutes of the January 2018 meeting was made by Carl, seconded by Mike and unanimously approved.

Ray reported that he went to Nathaniel Snow's house to try and get the bird houses back. Nobody was home, he will try again.

Anne suggested to the Commission that they install Duck boxes in Greene's River. The Commissioners agreed that was a good location.

Henry will ask Thomas Casey Greene if the Commissioners can use his property to put the kayaks/canoes in to install the duck boxes.

Wayne has a boat that holds 3 people, March 4th at 1:00pm was the agreed upon date and time to install the boxes.

The Commissioners discussed building bat boxes. Wayne has an easy to build bat box that could be duplicated easily. Anne suggested contacting the YMCA of Warwick and asking if they have some young volunteers who would be interested in helping with this project. Anne gave Sue C. the business card of a Tanya Gilbert of the YMCA and asked her to make contact. Wayne said he could accommodate 8-10 kids.

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, Sue C. has put together an order of 104 tree id signs to order. Wayne checked the prices for screws from Riverhead building Supplies the 6x5/8 pan head phillips stainless steel screws are \$6 for 50 screws, we would need 416 screws, and the larger 10x3 pan head phillips stainless steel screws are \$7 for 20 screws, we would need 208 screws. They would be mounted on a pvc 3/4 "board purchased in 18 foot sheets that can be purchased for about \$56.75 each, we would need to purchase 5 of these boards.

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 C. put together the power point slides for these presentations from the poster boards that were displayed on site at the original presentations. Sue C. gave the printouts of the power point to Anne for review.

Ray brought the Geographic Response Plan is being created by Nuka Research for the Pawtuxet River. This is an emergency response plan that includes areas to put trucks and supplies along the river to quickly aid in the remediation of hazardous waste. Ray asked the commissioners to let him know of any valuable wetlands, Native American burials etc that should be taken into account when locating these areas. Sue C. mentioned the Public Archeology Lab as a source of finding out information on any Native American burials. She will send Ray this information.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM by motion from Wayne seconded by Ray and unanimously approved by the Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Cabeceiras, Planning Dept.