

TOWN OF WARREN
PLAN OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 27, 2018 - 7:00PM
Warren Town Hall – 50 Cemetery Road

PRESENT: Susan Bates, John Papp, Kelly Tobin; Lake Waramaug Taskforce, Sean Hayden, Lake Waramaug Association Co-president, Gail Berner; Northwest Conservation District, Karen Griswold-Nelson; ZEO, Stacey Sefcik; Secretary, Brenda Zampaglione
ABSENT: Howard Lethbridge

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. All members present were seated for the meeting. The proceedings were digitally recorded, and copies are available in the Land Use Office.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. August 13, 2018

MOTION: Mr. Papp, second, Ms. Tobin to **APPROVE** the August 13, 2018 **SPECIAL** Meeting minutes;
APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY ABSTENTIONS: NONE MOTION CARRIED

3. DISCUSSION WITH MEMBERS OF THE LAKE WARAMAUG TASKFORCE AND LAKE WARAMAUG ASSOCIATION REGARDING STRATEGIES FOR PRESERVATION OF WATER QUALITY, MAINTENANCE OF THE RESIDENTIAL AND RECREATIONAL CHARACTER OF THE LAKE AREA, AND OTHER PRIORITIES FOR LAKE WARAMAUG AND ITS SURROUNDING WATERSHED

The Sub-committee welcomed and thanked Ms. Griswold-Nelson, Ms. Berner and Sean Hayden for joining the meeting.

Lake Waramaug is a natural resource and requires sustainability importance. Ms. Griswold discussed the need to tie property values in to water/lake quality. Water/lake quality needs to be made important for all resident's town wide and not just lake residents. Lake Waramaug is a clean water resource and Ms. Griswold-Nelson suggested that a study be done on the economic benefits on Lake Waramaug to the town. Low Impact Development (LID) and storm water management needs more prominence and support of Lake Waramaug. Ms. Griswold-Nelson suggested using the Town of Morris model of Low Impact Sustainable Development and Storm Water Management as a design manual for the Town of Warren (copies were given to members present). Get the residents who live OFF the lake in town to support the lake for more town wide impact. Funding is available from NHCOC for going ahead with the LID for Warren. Ms. Griswold-Nelson volunteered to help with the creation of a LID for the Town of Warren.

Creating an Implementation Committee was discussed. Meetings would take place yearly on each chapter of the LID. Creating an Implementation Chart will help monitor what has been done and what needs to be done. Always take meeting minutes and keep a record for accountability.

Ms. Berner of the Lake Waramaug Association stressed the importance of protecting the lake and the environment surrounding the lake. She expressed that lake residents are concerned about rampant development around the lake, i.e., encroachment on the lake, pools, terraces, houses being built too close to the lake and not being held to strict wetlands and set back regulations. "Quality of life" issues were discussed, i.e., noise and light pollution. Tree cutting within the wetlands and on the ridgelines around the lake is especially important to lake residents.

4. STATUS UPDATE ON RESIDENT INPUT SURVEY

Ms. Sefcik reported that the deadline for the Resident Input Survey has been extended from August 25th to September 7th. Currently have less than 200 responses and would like at least 100 more responses.

There will be another Facebook blast, email blast as well as a notice on the town's new Community Information Sign. The link is still prominently displayed on the town website.

5. STATUS UPDATE ON COMMUNITY ISSUES FORUM.

Ms. Sefcik updated the Sub-committee that it is looking at Bantam Market to cater food for the forum. Finger foods and desserts were to be main items. Ms. Sefcik reported that the Warren School, Region 6 and Warren Church Community Daycare will send hand-outs home with the students with information on the forums for parents. The Warren School will ask the students to submit artwork for the POCD manual by September 22nd. Students can submit a piece of artwork relating to the town of Warren as a contest (prize TBD) for submission in for the POCD manual. Ms. Sefcik discussed with Region 6 Principal and Superintendent the possibility of having senior students fill out the survey and/or attending the Community Issues Forum meeting for possible extra class credit.

6. STATUS UPDATE ON UPCOMING SPECIAL TOPIC FORUMS

Ms. Sefcik is working on minor details with Jocelyn Ayer of the NHCOC on the September 10th Forum. Ms. Sefcik will be working on the invitation list for the business related forum. More focus is on the September 10th forum, Ms. Ayer notified Ms. Sefcik of some upcoming meetings which may pertain to our forums in the upcoming weeks, in addition to a the town hosting a Fifth Thursday topic, "Special Events – How to Handle Special Events on Residential and Farm Properties" and otherwise pertaining to Farm Protection. The possibility of having the USDA come and speak on how to protect farm land and how to receive grants was also considered.

OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE:

Nothing to discuss.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The Subcommittee agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM, unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Zampaglione

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Land Use Secretary**