

**Minutes of Meeting
Warwick Wildlife and Conservation Commission
February 18, 2016**

Chair Anne Holst called the meeting of the Warwick Wildlife and Conservation Commission to order at 7:05PM. Members in attendance were Wayne Cabral, Ray Meunier, Carl Bergden and Mike Clark and Sue Cabeceiras from the Planning Department.

A motion to accept the minutes of the January 2016 meeting was made by Wayne, seconded by Ray and unanimously approved.

Anne began the meeting thanking Ray for all the work he put into the birdhouse event. Ray has emailed Nathaniel Snow, the Eagle Scout, to find out where and when he plans on installing the bird houses. Ray would like to install some of the boxes in City Park and some in Barton Farm on March 12th at 10am with a bad weather date of March 26th. Henry was asked to contact John Howell to attend; Sue will ask Bill DePasquale about installing the boxes at these two locations.

Sue showed the Commissioners the pictures of the wash out of the new trail area of Barton Farm. Bill DePasquale, Planning Director asked that Carl and Mike assist him with solving this problem on the trail. Several solutions were discussed. Carl and Mike agreed to meet Bill on site, and Ray offered to join them.

Wayne has taken some pictures to add to the Blueways paddle maps drafts for review. Sue was asked to find out the procedure to have these maps added to the Blue Ways Alliance website, and email it to Wayne.

Sue pulled out the Plat maps and found the Metropolitan Insurance property as Plat 227 lot 4, has the pond on it adjacent to the Jesse P. Dawley Memorial Woodland. Sue was asked to find out who owns the property.

Sue reported that the Land and Water Summit will be held on March 19th. Sue will email everyone the registration and program information. Mike presented a motion to have the Commission budget pay for any Commissioner, or staff to attend. Henry seconded the motion that was unanimously approved.

Wayne explained that the Warwick Sewer Authority is assessing sewer usage fees for “potential future development. “ This not only affects Clouds Hill, but many other properties in Warwick, including many off Ives Road, that do not yet have sewers. This could be a future detriment to open space as property owners have to sell portions of land to pay the sewer fees. The Commissioners discussed inviting the Sewer Authority Director to a future meeting, but Sue was asked to discuss this matter with Bill DePasquale first.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM by motion from Mike seconded by Carl and unanimously approved by the Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Cabeceiras, Planning Dept.