

**Minutes of Meeting  
Warwick Wildlife and Conservation Commission  
March 17, 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 and prospective Commissioner Jennifer Ryan.

A motion to accept the minutes of the February 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 at Barton Farm and the installation of 8 birdhouses. Ray reported that Nathaniel Snow, the Eagle Scout candidate installed 24 bird houses and secured the wood donation. He will install them at Chepiwanoxet Point this weekend.

Sue was asked to find out if the Commission still has money in its budget.

Anne has the contact information for the Metropolitan Insurance property at Plat 227 lot 4, and has the pond on it adjacent to the Jesse P. Dawley Memorial Woodland. Martha Cruciani obtained the information and gave it to Anne.

Ray will contact Bill DePasquale to find out the status of the walking trail at Barton Farm.

Wayne expects to have the pictures added to the Blueways paddle maps for the Commission to review at the April meeting. Sue found out that Meg Kerr and George Shuster wanted to review them and Tom Borden from the Narragansett Bay Estuary Program and Bill and Dan of Warwick Planning Dept.

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.

Arbor Day Tree planting was discussed and Norwood Elementary was chosen as the school. Sue will contact the Principal and set it up. If they do not want the tree, Randall Holden Elementary School is the backup plan. Wayne will dig the hole and provide mulch and water, and we will ask Henry to get the tree. Arbor Day is April 29<sup>th</sup> and the Commission would like a school day lunch time for the event.

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

Respectfully submitted, Sue Cabeceiras, Planning Dept.