

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH
AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2011, 7:00 PM

REQUESTS FOR ADVISORY OPINIONS

MINUTES AND CORRESPONDENCE

NEWS, OBSERVATIONS, CHANGES

- Still the need for new regular and alternate WGCC members
- Extreme weather events, like temperature rises, desertification in some areas, and tornadoes, flooding and hurricanes (due to greater volume of moisture circulating in the air), are consistent with predictions of global warming scenarios, i.e. patterns of human influenced and accelerating climate changes

REPORTS

Town Council and Planning Board updates

Treasurer: balances, invoices, receivables, requests, grant documentation

Water, Air, and Resource Monitoring (esp. Big River Area and Lake Mishnock)

WGCC and Friends of Big River successful earth day clean up event held with over 200 volunteers of all stripes and affiliations pitching in; lunch for volunteers

WG Land Trust: WGCC participation, earth day celebration on town hall grounds

Regional/State: RI Association of CC's: letter comments on proposed state legislation on conservation development; "On the Same Page, and Speaking with One Voice" conference planned for the fall -- please check out RIACC website at riacc-online.org; NEMBA trails presentation slated for May 13th in Charlestown

Town website: WGCC pages and notices update

Other

NEW & CONTINUED BUSINESS

- The beginnings of a call for WGCC and general town comments and input into the Big River Land Use Plan that is now being contemplated by the RI Water Resources Board. Anticipated guest is Ken Burke, Executive Director of the RIWRB. All parties interested in the Big River are invited to attend.

Note: The Town of West Greenwich will provide interpreters for the hearing impaired at any meeting, provided a request is received three (3) business days prior to said meeting. An audiotape copy of the minutes will be provided if requested by a vision-impaired person at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

