



Barnes Wildlife Preserve Commission

216 Amboy Avenue, Metuchen NJ 08840

Barnes Commission Meeting Minutes - October 9, 2025

The meeting opened at 7:05 PM and Dorothy read the Sunshine notice.

Roll call - Dorothy Giamboi, Walter Stochel, Ken Sammond, Tom Walsh, John Poyner, John Wiley, Peter Fairclough (as alternate). Absent: Rob Bencivenga, Charles Tomaro.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Tom made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on September 11, 2025. Walter seconded the motion. All said aye.

Public comment - No members of the public were present.

Old Business and Committee Reports

Website update

- Ken stated that he made updates, adding profiles/photos of the new commissioners, John Poyner and John Wiley, to the website. He will add the 2009 environmental report provided by John Wiley and is working on updating posting of minutes.

Treasurer

- Walter stated that there is \$80,061.50 in the account. Items to be paid include \$1,650 for legal services, when approved; and post office box at \$234/year.

Stewardship

- Peter stated that the Metuchen Environmental Commission held a clean-up and planting on the publicly owned property in the borough. The crew planted 8 Sweetgums, 4 Swamp white oaks, and 5 black willows.
- Walter reported that there was a hike in September attended by approximately 20 people. Saw deer, wood duck, beaver dams. They went up the Bound Brook.
- Peter discussed that there is an in-service day scheduled with Metuchen Schools, in which they Barnes Preserve will used as a hands-on site.

Consent Agenda Resolutions

- R-2025-08: Resolution to pay our legal counsel, Mezzanca and Kwasnik, for services rendered. John Wiley made a motion, Ken seconded. All said aye.
- R-2025-09: Resolution to go into closed session to discuss matters of attorney/client privilege. John Poyner made a motion, John Wiley seconded. All said aye.

New Business

- By-law review subcommittee created: John Poyner, Peter and Ken volunteered.



Barnes Wildlife Preserve Commission

216 Amboy Avenue, Metuchen NJ 08840

- By-laws review. When completed, notification will be sent to all newspapers and clerks.

Adjournment

- Tom made a motion to adjourn. Ken seconded. All said aye.