

## Warner Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting  
January 6, 2016 at 7:00 PM

**Attending:** Nancy Martin, John Dabuliewicz, Doug Allen, Mike Amaral, Scott Warren, Mimi Wiggin and Russ St.Pierre (recording).

Also attending was Chris Connors representing Trout Unlimited.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of December 2, 2015 were approved as corrected.

### **Warrant Article for Town Meeting**

Language of the warrant article on executory interest was reviewed. The working of the question to be placed on the warrant is included in RSA 36-A:4-a, II, (b). As there might be some confusion as to the meaning of the language, explanatory information will be provided.

### **Warner River Nomination Updates:**

The nominating committee held another meeting at which Central NH Regional Planning Committee presented maps of the Warner River depicting the segments and associated classifications. The next step is to identify the owners of abutting properties so they may be notified of the pending nomination and so they may be notified prior to a public meeting. The next meeting is January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Wetland Issues:** Two new forestry notifications were submitted to NHDES in December. Both designations were designated “complete” by NH DES. Russ presented a summary of 2015 wetland and shoreland permits. Of the 12 permits granted, there were: 8 forestry notifications, 1 roadway maintenance notification, 1 expedited minimum permit, and 1 shoreland permit.

**Land Protection:** The Commission discussed the possible conservation of a Town-owned 3-acre parcel located between Bartlett Loop and Pumpkin Hill Road (Tax Map 14, Lot 46-1). It was noted that the parcel is smaller than lots typically considered for protection. It was also noted, however, that Willow Brook flows through the length of the parcel, there is associated riparian forest present, and the costs of creating the conservation easement should be greatly reduced as the Town already owns the property. There was also discussion that should the easement be created on the Town parcel, an adjacent owner might also be interested in creating a conservation easement that would in effect protect approximately 1800 feet of Willow Brook and associated riparian forest. The Commission will raise the issue with the Selectmen.

### **Old Business:**

*Solar Array* – A question is being prepared for consideration on the Town warrant.

**New Business:** Chris Connors informed the Commission that Trout Unlimited would continue assessing culverts in the coming year. They would also be contacting property owners abutting streams with information on measures that could be taken to improve habitat. Chris also presented some information on green infrastructure and water quality issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

**The next meeting will be on February 3, 2016, at 7:00 PM.**