

Warner Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting
February 3, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Attending: Nancy Martin, John Dabuliewicz, Mike Amaral, Phil Stockwell, Mimi Wiggin, and Russ St.Pierre (recording)

Also attending were Richard Cook, Brian Hotz, and Chris Connors

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of January 6, 2016 were approved as written.

Land Protection – Kearsarge Mountain Road

Richard and Brian were present to discuss a parcel of land located on Kearsarge Mountain Road, above the gatehouse. The parcel has frontage on Kearsarge Mountain Road, a Class III State Highway in this location. (Class III highways consist of all recreational roads leading to, and within, state reservations designated by the legislature. See RSA 229:5, III.) The parcel is mostly surrounded by the Kearsarge Mountain State Forest. A recent inquiry by the property owner on the marketability of the land prompted a reaction from the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED). DRED would like to purchase the property, presumably to incorporate it into the State forest. They are, however, unable to do so at this time and were inquiring into how the Conservation Commission might help the State in this situation. The parcel's significance, both to the Town and State, was discussed. A number of questions on the ability to privately develop this and similarly located parcels remain.

Warrant Article for Town Meeting

John will provide information on the warrant article at the Town Meeting if requested.

Land/Warner River protection Updates:

The nominating committee held another meeting with representatives from the Central NH Regional Planning Commission. CNHRPC is moving along on the required documentation. The subject of dams was discussed. Also brought up for discussion was public support for the river designation. CNHRPC and Trout Unlimited are developing a blog that will include river designation information. The blog will be available through the NH Fish and Game web page. An abutters list has been developed, and CNHRPC will do the mailing. The Date for a public hearing has not yet been determined.

Wetland Issues: There was no wetland or shoreland permit activity over the last month.

Willow Brook Parcel

Looking to meet with the Selectmen in March to discuss the town-owned parcel

New Business:

Henniker property owners have reported concerns about damaged properties along the ATV trails in the northwest part of their town. The trails are part of a network that extends into the southwest part of Warner and points beyond.

The meeting was adjourned

The next meeting will be on March 2, 2016, at 7:00 PM.