

## Warner Conservation Commission

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

**Attending:** Nancy Martin, Mike Amaral, Phil Stockwell, Rob Nute, Alice Chamberlin, and Russ St.Pierre (recording)  
Also attending were Ruth and Lindsay Collins

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

The minutes of June 1, 2016 were approved as written.

### **Land Protection**

Ruth and Lindsay Collins have a 16-acre parcel on North Village Road, near the intersection of Cunningham Pond Road. (See Tax Map 9, Lot 28.) It is mostly forested and contains a small beaver pond in its southeastern corner, near the road. The land was surveyed in 1975. Several conservation options were discussed, including placing a conservation easement on the parcel and donating it to the Town. The land abuts the Chandler Reservation. As the parcel abuts the Chandler Reservation, the possibility of incorporating it into the Reservation was also discussed. The Commission will look into the various options for the next meeting.

Bartlett Loop - Five Rivers Conservation Trust is interested in holding the easement for the Town's 3-acre parcel. This will require establishing an endowment for monitoring/maintenance. The Town can hold the easement for the Warren parcels and a fourth parcel within the Bartlett Loop if the owner decides to extend the easement to that land..

Riverfront Parcels – Nancy and Brian Hotz discussed the purchase of these two parcels from NHDOT with the Selectmen. It was favorably received. Nancy can now go forward with requesting an appraisal on the parcels for DOT.

Old NHDOT Shed Parcel – Nothing new, the brownfields study is not yet complete.

Kearsarge Mountain Road – The current owner is reportedly interested in selling the property..

### **School Property**

The Town has reached an agreement to purchase land from the School District to add additional parking around the Town Hall and the Odd Fellows Building. The Commission was asked to take a look at it for possible environmental issues. A quick excursion noted that several large trees between the teacher parking area and the Odd Fellows Building will be removed. Commission members will meet with the Selectmen on site on Saturday.

**Wetland Issues:** There were no new permit applications to report this month.

### **Warner River Designation Update:**

The draft nomination was submitted to NHDES for review. A few minor revisions were requested. As noted last month, the nomination has been postponed for a year while the nomination committee works with Trout Unlimited to build support for the river designation.

### **Old Business-Updates:**

Village District Solar Array – Construction was completed and the array is in operation. It was noted that several Commission members have been contacted with concerns over the construction project.

One issue raised was the possibility that a small wetland had been impacted by clearing and construction activities. Another issue concerned the amount of clearing that was conducted and its proximity to the Warner River. The Warner River is a fourth order stream and is therefore subject to provisions of the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (RSA 483-B) and its corresponding regulations. RSA 483-B establishes a protected shoreland that extends 250 feet from, in this case, the Warner River. Any construction, excavation, or filling activities within the protected shoreland require a permit from NHDES. The Commission discussed conducting a site visit to view the situation and will alert the District officials to the above concerns by providing a copy of these meeting minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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