

Warner Conservation Commission

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

Attending: Nancy Martin, Doug Allen, Mike Amaral, Phil Stockwell, and Russ St.Pierre (recording). Also attending was Chris Connors.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of July 6, 2016 were approved as submitted.

Wetlands Application – Broadleaf Warner, LLC Tax Map 19, Lot 24

The Commission reviewed a dredge and fill application to dredge, clean, and deepen an existing man made farm pond. Replace existing culvert and deepen the pond by approximately 8 ft. - 10 ft. by dredging down the pond bed from north to south in order to increase the capacity of the pond and to construct an irrigation system for commercial hops farming. Pictures provided with the application indicate that the pond has not been dredged for some time and an emergent wetland has developed within the depression. There was some concern expressed over the lost functions and values of such and emergent wetland.

Land Protection Updates:

Bartlett Loop – Nancy spoke with Beth McGuinn at Five Rivers Conservation Trust. The Trust remains interested in taking the easement on the Town property. With regard to that parcel, a question was raised to the Commission about the possibility of placing an easement only on the brook portion of the lot and allowing the remainder to be developed.

Riverfront Parcels – Jim Bingham wrote a letter to NHDOT expressing interest in the two parcels (Map 16, Lot 24 and Map 7, Lot 1) and requesting the Department begin the appraisal process.

Collins Property – Concern was expressed to the Commission about this land becoming just another tax-free, town-owned parcel if it is donated to the Town. Nancy will contact the Chandler Reservation Committee to see if they are interested in the property.

Warner River Protection Update

The nominating committee's next meeting is August 31, 2016. They will be discussing ways to raise resident's river awareness. Chris Connors reviewed a web page under development describing attributes of the Warner River and the nomination process.

Wetland Issues: One new forestry notification was submitted to DES for land on Burnt Hill Road (Map 11, Lots 6 and 6-1).

New Business-Updates

Construction of the roundabout is due to begin next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

The next meeting will be on September 7, 2016, at 7:00 PM>