

Warner Conservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting
November 1, 2017

Attending: Nancy Martin, Phil Stockwell, Susi von Oettingen, Scott Warren, Mike Amaral, Doug Allen, and Russ St.Pierre (recording).

Also Attending: Tim Blagden

Approve September Minutes:

The minutes of September 6, 2017 were approved as written

Approve October Notes:

The notes from October 4, 2017 were reviewed and accepted.

NHDOT Surplus Land:

Tax Map 7, Lot 1:

Tim Blagden reviewed the language proposed by NHDOT for a quitclaim deed for the property. He noted that the deed, as proposed, does not include portions of the old railroad bed or railroad right-of-way because they are located within the limited access right-of-way or Interstate 89. Developing the rail trail without this land would, however, would require constructing a new trail essentially adjacent to the existing railroad bed. Since this would be neither efficient nor desired, the question of acquiring additional land from NHDOT was discussed.

A motion to organize a meeting with the Town Administrator to discuss the issue and then follow up with NHDOT was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Tax Map 16, Lot 24:

The land surveyor has completed his field work on the parcel and is working on resolving the issues related to the extent of the property.

Knoxland Equipment:

To offset wetland impacts associated with expanding the existing facility, Knoxland Equipment would like to donate a conservation easement to the Town covering the remaining unused portion of the lot. This area contains mostly wetlands, but also includes some upland area and an existing snowmobile trail. A portion of the trail would be relocated as part of the project. The conservation Commission will conduct a site walk on Saturday, November 4th. Meet at the Town Hall at 8:50 AM.

Improving Communications Across Land Use Boards

The Planning Board, Historical Society, Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen met and discussed various Town issues. It was recommended to include representatives from Parks and Recreation, the Chandler Reservation Committee, Rails to Trails, the Water Precinct, the Economic Development Committee, and the Energy Committee at the next meeting in January 2018.

Warner River Nomination

A Legislative Service Request (LSR 2018-2791) for the Warner River Nomination has been submitted. Language of the actual bill has not yet been developed. A display on the proposed nomination will be included at the NH Association or Conservation Commissions' annual meeting.

Mink Hills

the Central NH Regional Planning Commission has developed a regional recreational map depicting activities occurring within the Mink Hills and surrounding area.

Easement Monitoring

Nancy and True Kelly attended an easement monitoring workshop with Ausbon-Sargent Land Preservation Trust in July.

Wetlands

There were no new wetland applications to report for the month of October.

Budget

Nancy will review the proposed budget at the November 4th Budget Committee Meeting.

Willow Brook Easement

Richard Cook, representing the 5 Rivers Conservation Trust, sent out a draft of the proposed easement. It was agreed that much of the language concerning agriculture and forestry could be removed. It was also agreed that the language for the two easements (Town parcel and Warren parcel) should be as similar as possible. A question on the placement of a picnic table or a bench on the Town land was raised and discussed. Several members volunteered to walk the property to determine what might be appropriate.

Other:

The deadline for the next Town newsletter is November 9th, if anyone has an idea for a short article.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be December 6th at 7:00 PM.