



WARNER RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, 27 January 2021

7:00 p.m.

Appointed WRLAC Representatives present in **bold** (term ends):

Bruce Edwards, Bradford (10-8-2021)

Scott MacLean, Bradford (10-8-2021)

Susan Roman, Webster (10-12-2021)

Ken Milender, Warner (11-26-2021)

Laura Russell, Warner (11-26-2021)

Christopher Spannweitz, Warner (11-26-2021)

Doug Giles, Hopkinton (11-26-2021)

Linden Rayton, Hopkinton (11-26-2021)

J. Michael Norris, Hopkinton (11-26-2021)

David White, Hopkinton (11-26-2021)

Robert Wright, Sutton (05-10-2022)

Andy Jeffrey, Sutton (07-29-2022)

Peter Savickas, Sutton (08-19-2022)

Dan Moran, Webster (09-03-2022)

Invited Guests: Mike Tardiff, Stephanie Alexander, both from the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC)

Continuing Business

1. Meeting minutes of Jan 7, 2021 approved unanimously with roll call vote.
2. Treasurer's report of Jan 26, 2021 approved unanimously with roll call vote.
3. Warner River Corridor Management Plan (Chair). CNHRPC is finalizing the final revisions to our corridor management plan. Chair will schedule meeting with Sutton CC during February to close out our visits with the riverfront towns' conservation commissions. Then we'll work on the town planning boards.
 - a. Stephanie updated the Committee with a summary of the detailed edits for Chapter 6 and Appendix B of the Plan.
 - b. Additionally, she reminded the Committee that the Plan is intended to be a "living document," which will be updated periodically.
 - c. Linden proposed additions that provided more detail on the topics of Native American history and the impact of climate change in our region and on the Warner River.
 - d. After discussion, Bob called the question.

- e. The Committee voted by roll call 10 yes, 1 no to accept CNHRPC's edits and to include Linden's proposed additions which will be edited by CNHRPC.
 - i. Voting yes: Spannweitz, Rayton, Wright, White, Edwards, Moran, Savickas, Russell, Jeffrey, Milender
 - ii. Voting no: Norris
- 4. Permit Applications – In Progress. Warner (Intervale), Comet, LLC proposal for 9 Route 103 West (at Exit 9).
 - a. Warner PB continued the public hearing to 4 January. At that meeting, Applicant informed us that they might be reducing the proposed development to be only the standalone Dunkin' Donuts shop at this time (retail market conditions have deteriorated the past year or so, reducing tenant interest).
 - b. Applicant has a deadline of 12 January 2021 to submit to DES-AoT the additional information requested by WRLAC and DES-AoT.
- 5. Website Update – Discussion about the website's purpose
 - a. The website must draw people in through content that matters to our riverfront communities. Content could be anything related to the river, its human and wildlife (and fish) inhabitants, or the river's resources.
 - b. Several Committee members have been working on material to post. Articles need only be "a picture and a paragraph", although longer articles/topics can be written up as well. Committee was urged to consider and flesh out topics. Website subcommittee might have to start a schedule to make sure we have content changing at reasonable intervals.
 - i. Please send drafts of material to website subcommittee to be edited.
 - ii. Please send ideas to the website subcommittee for writing up.
 - c. As Outreach Coordinator, Bob has begun contacting various print publishers to inform them about our goals and work to achieve those goals. He will also send articles to the five towns' conservation commissions.
 - d. Ken will make the website the main topic of discussion for the Feb meeting.
 - i. **Homework:** Reps will please investigate websites that you feel are particularly good at communicating with their constituency as well as drawing in new interest, and bring their addresses and your ideas to the Feb. meeting.
- 6. Annual Reports due to towns (Chair). Chair has submitted brief reports to Hopkinton, Warner, and Sutton. Bradford and Webster are due to those towns 29 January.
- 7. WRLAC Outreach (Bob, Andy, Chris). See #5 above.
- 8. Grants and things – Pete
 - a. With a grant from NH Grassroots, we will need to report within one year about how we used the grant.

- b. We should establish goals to guide our fundraising efforts.
- c. Pete has begun research on potential costs for advertising that could be covered by a grant.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Next meeting: Weds, 2/24, 7 PM via Zoom