

Town of Warner, New Hampshire
Conservation Commission Minutes
June 5, 2019

Members present: Alice Chamberlin, Doug Allen, Nancy Martin, Phil Stockwell, Stephanie Monette, Ken Cogswell, Susi von Oettingen

Meeting began – 7:05 pm.

1. Approved April and May Minutes, April minutes with corrections.
2. Knoxland Conservation Easement-Update
Easement has been signed, but contingent on site plan review for the expansion of the Knoxland Property (tractor display) by planning board. Site plan will be presented to the planning board soon.
3. Update on DOT surplus riverfront lots
 - Map 7; Lot 1; Near Bagley Bridge, received a notification from NHDOT regarding the sale of the property to the town. In order to accommodate the rail trail, need to add an additional 1.88 acres to the 9.1 acres to be purchased because the original lot not quite large enough. DES is now reviewing the sale of the property (letter on file with the WCC) and DOT is working on the appraisal of the property. Need to address NH Fish and Game listed species concerns.
 - Map 16; Lot 2 – Town’s survey determined the lot was 4 acres (paid for a survey), NHDOT estimated 6 acres. Determined that the Town’s survey was correct, need to reassess the parcel’s price. NHDOT is working on the appraisal now.
4. Chandler Reservation Update
 - Chandler Reservation Board decided not to bring in the Americorps to clean up the trails after the timber sale resulting from the hurricane damage, determined they did not have the funds to bring them in. Will do the clean up themselves, have placed new signs. Not considering to reroute the trail out of the sensitive wetland areas at this time.
5. NH DOT I-89 Project_ ARM Funds
 - Hoping to hear soon about Warner’s application for the ARM funds. Warner identified some culverts that need replacement that will allow better connectivity (Red Chimney Road). NH Fish and Game identified those same culverts, makes these improvements potentially fundable through ARM.
6. Friends of the Mink Hills
 - Monitoring Opening Day was pushed back because the roads were so wet from mid-May to last weekend.
One of the things that came of the hearings was legislatures visiting areas receiving ATV use. May visit the north country and may be invited to the Mink Hills.

