



Town of Warner, New Hampshire
Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 7, 2019

Members present: Nancy Martin, Michael Amaral, Ken Cogswell, Stephanie Monette, Doug Allen, Alice Chamberlin

1. Approve June and July Minutes – Approved
2. Application of glyphosphate herbicide – Andy Duncan’s conservation easement question regarding application of glyphosphate herbicide. Recommended that the application of an herbicide be applied on erupting beech sprouts to avoid this species becoming the main forest tree species. Both the forester and UNH extension recommend the approach. Application of glyphosphate would be individually applied on the sprouts. Pure beech stands are limited for wildlife habitat. Would be limited to 6 acres.
3. Knoxland Conservation Easement-Update. Received the conservation easement deed and has been recorded. The applicant still has not been in front of the planning board. Needs site plan review before work can be initiated.
4. Update on DOT surplus riverfront lots
 - Map 7; Lot 1; parcel near Bagley Soccer fields. The 9 acre parcel has been approved for sale, but FHWA wants DOT to wait until second parcel (1.88 acre lot adjacent this one) is approved for sale so that both can be conveyed at the same time. Need to get the appraisal on the second parcel. Should be done by the end of this year.
 - Map 16; Lot 24 - Surveyor hired by Con Com finds that this parcel has access to the river. 4 acre lot. Should be done by next year.
5. Capital Improvements Plan for Warner Planning Board – Planning Board asked for our Capital Improvements Plan by end of July. WCC has 3 projects pending, will need to use funds for the DOT surplus properties. If all projects come due at same time, might need to request additional funds. In addition to the 3 parcels, potential project for conservation easement on a farm. Would require a grant from LCHIP. Would need to provide funds to an organization holding the easement. N. Martin submitted the plan to the Budget Committee that identified a possible request for additional funds. May be subject to change.
6. NH DOT I-89 Project - ARM Funds – NHDOT moving on to second phase of highway rehabilitation. Gives WCC the chance to submit projects for ARM funds. N. Martin reached out to NHDES to ask if we needed to resubmit the list. Will submit the list to NHDOT this week.
7. Friends of the Mink Hills-Update – Will have a videographer interview neighbors in 3 locations in the Mink Hills to develop a pictorial description of the issue, the project is spearheaded by the North Country residents. August 25, legislators will be coming to interview neighbors in the Mink Hills for a fact finding mission as well.

8. Wetlands/Forestry Permits- Stephanie Monette – Need to check how the projects are posted on the state website. More notifications posted in Town Hall than online. Nancy will find out who should be posting the projects on the One Stop website (<https://www.des.nh.gov/onestop/>)

9. Old/New Business
Outstanding Easement Monitoring Reports

RAW-Susi
McCausland- Doug, Susi
Nemec- Nancy, Stephanie

10. Communications – FEMA letter data model to simulate flooding for the Contoocook River watershed was received.

11. Adjourned at 7:50 pm.