



Town of Warner, New Hampshire
Conservation Commission

Wednesday, February 5, 2020
MINUTES

WCC members present: Nancy Martin, Michael Amaral, Ken Cogswell, Susi von Oettingen, Phil Stockwell, Alice Chamberlain

Meeting began at 7:05 pm.

1. January Minutes – Approved with one correction.
2. ASLPT- Daniel’s Survey Decision - The WCC voted to pay \$5000 for the survey of the property. Nancy will clarify with ASLPT if the Town will hold executory interest in the property.
3. Friends of the Mink Hills- The selectboard voted to revert back to the 2010 agreement with the Boundtree ATV Club. Only trails that are away from residents’ homes will continue to be open for riding due to residents’ concerns regarding noise and lack of public input prior to the more recent opening of ATV trails.
4. WCC Presentations
 - a. Wildlife- The Real Eastern Coyote - Feb 27th, at Main Street Bookends, 7 PM. Main Street Bookends has already begun advertising the event.
 - b. Addressing Invasive Species- Knotweed -April 14th, Wednesday at noon, in the Town Hall. Doug Cygan will present on invasive plant species management, focus on Knotweed.
5. ARM Funds for culvert replacement- Engineering plans for a culvert on Ballard Brook will be completed by NHDOT by the end of March. Culvert replacement at Ballard Brook is a priority if ARM funds can be used to pay for the installation. The Town needs to submit a preliminary application for ARM funds by the end of March, but needs the engineering plans first.
6. Wetlands- Davis Rd. Wetlands Violation- DES was notified about the stream fill (with boulders).
7. Forestry Permits- Have not received updates other than what is posted in the Town Hall. Note the Town’s website has updated “Intent to Cut” notices posted. Can go on the

State's One Stop website for wetland's permits (need to check). May need to reach out to the Town Clerk to establish a protocol that a new wetlands permit has come in.

8. Outstanding Easement Monitoring Reports

- a. RAW- Conservation easement monitoring completed. Electronic report and photos to be filed. Susi will coordinate with Dan Watts (town website manager) for posting this report and setting up folders for each easement that can be accessed via the Town's website.
- b. McCauslands- Monitoring not completed to date.

9. New Business- Survey questions to identify residents' interest in future land conservation efforts in Warner generated from the 2008 Master Plan were reviewed as well as survey questions from the WCC's past questionnaire in preparation for Warner's 2011 Conservation Plan. Members will review the 2011 survey, consider revisiting the survey to understand how/if opinions have changed regarding land conservation in Warner. Suggestions were made to reach out to academics to get help through a student project or the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. Consider an on-line survey.

10. Communications-

Conservation News-NH DES Updated Wetlands Rules- Effective Dec 15th

- a. Based on best available science
- b. Changes to wetlands dredge and fill laws
- c. Changes in exemptions, timelines, notification, LAC right of intervention/notice/ & expanded process
- d. New Alteration of Terrain rules
- e. New Subsurface rules
- f. New Shoreline rules/standards
- g. New surface water quality standard
- h. New Invasive species law and grant program

Nancy submitted an outline of the changes to the Wetlands Rules for the record.

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.