



Town of Warner, New Hampshire  
Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March, 4, 2020

Conservation Commission Members present: Nancy Martin, Doug Allen, Michael Amaral, Alice Chamberlain, Ken Cogswell, recording (Phil Stockwell, Susi von Oettingen, and Scott Warren excused absences, Stephanie Monette absent); guest: Ray Martin, Warner Village Water District Administrator

Meeting convened at 7:01 pm

- 1) Proposed Warner Village Infiltration System – Ray Martin covered the current status of the four-year process of obtaining compliance with federal EPA levels concerning amounts of copper in Warner's Treatment plant's discharge into the Warner River. Project's plans are anticipated to be approved in the NHDES permitting process, however Federal Highway and NHDOT agencies also require participation due to the groundwater filtration system's proximity to I-89 ROW. Mr. Martin is hopeful all regulatory parties will sign off on the final engineering design so construction can be completed by the 2021 deadline requirement for compliance.
- 2) February 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes – Approved with two minor corrections
- 3) Warner's Master Plan – Planning Board Chairman Ben Frost notified WCC that PB has not made much progress on revisions due to a busy PB agenda
- 4) WCC public survey – Reviewed and re-revised WCC 2009 Conservation Questionnaire, in order for release of a new version this Spring. Nancy asked each ConCom member to submit a draft for an Introduction to the 2020 survey that is both explanatory and educational. Nancy will send draft questions to Craig Tufts at CNRPC. Survey discussion also included various ways to distribute questionnaire, i.e. Warner web link, Library, Transfer Station, etc., as well as utilizing CNHRP assistance.
- 5) WCC Presentations –
  - a) February 27<sup>th</sup> presentation on Eastern Coyotes by Chris Schadler was well attended, with the participants gaining much knowledge about a maligned but important wildlife species.
  - b) Next WCC presentation is on the invasive species Japanese Knotweed, scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>, 11am, downstairs Town Hall, with speaker Doug Cygan. Lunch will be provided for the Warner DPW attendees, and others, up to 8-12 folks (cost of \$241 from WCC funds).
- 6) ARM Funds for Ballard Brook culvert replacement – Nancy stated that there is no news to update/report
- 7) Forestry/Wetlands Permits – Ken mentioned that four Intent to Cut notices have been posted on the Town web site since the last WCC meeting. Ken has begun to personally file their information, and plans to coordinate with the Town office on how such notices are stored. Nancy added that she has received information that the Richard St. Lawrence family at 12 Laing Bridge Lane, off NH 103

have been notified by NHDES of wetland violations.

- 8) Easement Monitoring Reports -
  - a) McCausland report pending.
  - b) Discussion regarding Susi and Dan Watts efforts on putting easement monitoring reports online led to Nancy deciding to contact ASLPT's Andy Deegan, for feedback on appropriate public information. Ken will ask a friend on the Town of Sutton Conservation Commission for feedback on posting easement monitoring reports.
- 9) Communications – As a reference for all of us as we revise the questionnaire, Nancy handed out an Excel sheet, titled 'Summary of Warner Land Conservation', that displayed the total number of Town parcels protected in the past nineteen years, with their associated acreage, market values, and cost to the town to conserve them. Also included were the amounts during certain years when money was appropriated in warrant articles for conservation, and funds that the WCC had available per year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm