



Town of Warner, New Hampshire  
Conservation Commission  
Wednesday, June 3, 2020  
Meeting Minutes

Conservation Commission members present: Phil Stockwell, Doug Allen, Nancy Martin, Ken Cogswell, Doug Allen

Public present: Jim Sherman., John Leavitt, Tim Blagden, Lelia Mellen (National Park Service)

Meeting began at 7:12 pm (due to a few technical challenges).

Nancy Martin read the rules governing the emergency authorizing the use of a virtual meeting.

1. Public Hearing- Purchase 1.8 acre parcel in I-89 ROW – Ms. Martin opened the meeting requesting public comments on the acquisition of the parcel. Tim Blagden spoke in favor of the acquisition and requested information regarding public input. Sixty emails were received by the Selectmen and the Conservation Commission in support of the purchase of the property. The Friends of the Concord Lake Sunapee Rail Trail (FCLSRT) committee will be paying for the survey costs, with assistance by the National Park Service. If digging were to take place, an archeological assessment (1A) needs to be completed. Have quotes for an assessment, and the FCLSRT will pay for the assessment. Jim Sherman spoke in favor of the acquisition. A motion was made to purchase the property with Conservation Commission funds. The motion was passed, and purchase of the parcel was approved.
2. Approve May Minutes – revised minutes were not sent, will be resent for review and approval at the July Meeting
3. ARM Funds for culvert replacement- Update  
Have a smaller project than anticipated because the Warner DPW would be unable to replace 3 culverts in the 2 years required by the ARM grant. Propose to submit a preliminary application. If accepted, will be asked to submit a complete application. Will have to compete for the ARM funds. The culvert is Culvert No. 1, nearest to Route 103 by the Warner River.
4. Posting Monitoring Reports-Municipal Assoc.- Alice  
Postponed until July
5. Whitford-Ordway-Big Tree Certificate  
Warner has a certificate from the NH Big Tree Program for a very large white pine. Will be in the next newsletter in the fall. 134 feet in height, 41.5 feet crown spread, 134.5 inches around. Is among the tallest trees in the state.

6. ATVs in the Minks-Update  
The selectmen convened a meeting with landowners, the police department, and the department of public works. Tim Allen proposed to visit the road and see where signs need to be posted. The signs will be “No ATV” signs. The Bound Tree ATV club has revised the map to exclude those Warner trails that were removed, and is posted on line.
7. Outstanding Easement Monitoring Reports  
McCauslands – Still outstanding.
8. Forestry/Wetlands Permits- Ken  
Nothing new on the town notices for intent to cuts and DES One Stop, for this month. Discussed the SPNF Black Mountain tree clearing proposal and the implementation of tree removal during the most vulnerable time of year for state and federally listed bats. Susi will draft a response expressing concern about the tree clearing this June and July.
9. Exit 9 Retail Application to Planning Board –  
Proposed development to build 2 buildings on the lot adjacent to the Shell Station. The first lot is designed to hold 5 retailers. The second lot will hold the drive-through Dunkin Donuts. The exit/entrance design is problematic. With additional exits and entries on 103, will result in additional traffic entering/exiting 103. Suggest WCC members review the letters and plans submitted to the Planning Board and provided to the WCC members by Nancy Martin. Suggestion that the WCC submit a letter regarding the WCC’s position. Review impacts from run-off into the wetlands that the Town holds an easement on. The proposed development maps are posted in the town hall for review. During the Planning Board meeting, suggested a second review by another engineer to provide oversight of the plans, particularly with respect to drainage.  
  
Board of Selectmen will do surveys of the 2 junkyards in Town for permit renewal. Chemical Lane junkyard is near one of the Town’s wells.
10. Communications
  - NH DES- Wetlands Best Management Practice Techniques- available for your reading pleasure – the WCC received a copy of this newly published document. Available for review, contact Nancy Martin.
11. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.