



Town of Warner, New Hampshire
Conservation Commission
Wednesday June 2, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Preliminary preamble regarding the virtual meeting

Conservation Commission members present: Nancy Martin, Doug Allen, Alice Chamberlin,
Phil Stockwell, Ken Cogswell (recording)

Members of the public : Katie Cayer

Meeting began at 7:14pm

1. Approve May's meeting minutes: Approved

2. Guest Katie Cayer introduced herself as an abutor to the Map 19/Lot 37 Town property on Couchtown Road that is under consideration to be sold. Along with stating her family's interest in the potential sale of this neighboring 65 acre wooded Town Lot, she spoke to her knowledge of the property's boundaries, road frontage, and limits of Class V maintenance on her end of Couchtown Rd.

Alice and Nancy spoke to the evolving process regarding the decision of which Town properties to be auctioned, especially Town Lots that are in the process of being evaluated by the Conservation Commission.

3. Davisville NH Route 127 Bridge : Brief discussion and update on status of bridge replacement project over the Warner River. Doug Allen forwarded a link of the NHDOT public presentation made at the Board of Selectman's May 18th meeting.

(<https://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/warner15907/documents/15907-pre-05182021.pdf>)

4. Groundwater Protection: Alice submitted remarks regarding recent presentation she attended, emphasizing the helpful information from experienced participants, especially pertaining to drinking water. She suggested we keep in touch with Pierce Rigrod regarding drinking water source protection, as well as Craig Tufts of CNHRPC, and keep in focus the process/time line for Grant monies.

5. WCC web page additions: Con Com members names and terms of office, as well as pictures of wetlands, wildlife, etc., have been added by Dan Watts. Other information in need of being updated is forthcoming.

6. Position for WCC member on new Agricultural Committee: Mike Amaral has stated he would be willing to be appointed.

7. Warner Area Community Land Trust update : Nancy mentioned the initial progress of work being preformed at the WACLT's property on Loud Lane, including work on a new roof, design for a new barn, etc.
8. Mink Hills Recreation Study Committee: Nancy's update included the group's efforts on reviewing recent WCC survey, focus on ATV activity, conservation, and Class VI roads, as well as Class A trails, which the committee is seeking a guest speaker on the subject.
9. Forest/Wetland Permits: Ken reported one Intent to Cut on Bean Road, Map 13/Lot 1, 13 acres. Nancy added that she suspects the income from Timber Taxes this year will more than previous years.
10. Grant Applications: Nancy listed the numerous Grants Town Administrator Diane Ricciardelli has been working on, including two for the Rail Trail, one towards a proposed elevator at the Community Center (Old Graded School), one for covered bridge access over the Warner River to the ball park, and another for restoration of the recreation area skate park.
11. Communications: Nancy informed the members that the Board of Selectmen will soon open the Town Hall to in-person meetings, most likely by early July, with the possibility to include a hybrid method with Zoom remote access during the public sessions. She also mentioned that the NH Audubon Society recently compiled a comprehensive study called 'The State of NH Birds – A Conservation Guide', which can be downloaded from the ASNH web site.
12. WCC Review of Town Owned Properties for Auction: From a list of 16 properties Con Com meeting members evaluated each Lot, reviewing their location and description regarding possible real estate sale value. After additional discussion on present and past methods to evaluate property, as well as what the economic interest the Town has for such properties, members concluded that we should convey to the Board of Selectmen that none of the listed properties should be offered for sale.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm