



Town of Warner, New Hampshire  
Conservation Commission  
Wednesday, July 7, 2021  
Meeting Minutes

Conservation Commission members present: Nancy Martin, Susi von Oettingen, Alice Chamberlin, Ken Cogswell, Michael Amaral, Phil Stockwell

Members of the Public present: Jackie Germain, Jody Sloane

Meeting began at 7:00 pm

#### AGENDA

1. Candidate for WCC Alternative Member-Jackie Germain provided a summary of her educational background and her environmental experience with the conservation commission in her home town. She described what she could contribute to Warner's Conservation Commission.
2. Approve June Minutes – Approved.
3. Groundwater Protection-Alice Chamberlin updates on subcommittee work. Determined that there are funds available from Dept. of Environmental Services (DES) for communities to protect water supplies. Have reached out to the Central NH Regional Planning Commission (RPC) who will help the subcommittee right a grant to DES. Application for grant due November 2. The RPC will assist the ConCom in developing the grant and outreach to the community regarding the importance of protecting the Town's water supply/aquafer from groundwater contamination or other threats. Review funded projects at <https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/projects-list.pdf>.
4. Davisville Bridge – Feedback submitted to BOS from WCC. Upcoming project proposed to replace the bridge over the Warner. Look at powerpoint presentation (link in last month's minutes) for more information on DOT's proposal. Primary request that the WCC have a consulting role during construction to ensure Warner River and associated historical structures are protected during construction.
5. Candidate for WCC Alternative Member – Jody Sloane introduced herself and provided a summary of her interest in the environment and her environmental background.
6. Webpage Additions – brief discussion of updates including call for photos.
7. Representative for new Warner Agricultural Commission – The WCC can name one representative. Michael Amaral was recommended and approved.

8. Warner Area Community Land Trust Update -Nancy Martin sits on this new committee. Goal of the Committee is to protect agricultural land and provide affordable housing. Looking for volunteers to help clean up the Foster Farm (recent acquisition). The Committee is interested in renaming itself because it is not a real land trust. Proposed name Senika, means land of many rocks in Abenaki. Seeking input on a new name that represents the interests of the group and the community. Send ideas to Nancy.
9. Mink Hills Recreation Study Committee – Nancy Martin, a WCC representative on the committee. Nancy gave an overview of the Committee. Next meeting Monday, July 12 at 7:00 pm at the town hall.
10. Economic Development Advisory Committee - Update- Nancy Martin reported on the focus of developing a town community center at the Old Graded School (CAP building). Third floor and some of the second floor available. Child care specialist invited to look at space to potentially bring child care to Warner. There may be grant monies available to reconstruct the space and make the space ADA compliant. EDAC is also working on a mural to be installed on the side of “The Local”.
11. Forestry/Wetlands Permits- information provided by Ken Cogswell.  
Two posted intent to cut notices and two wetlands permits – one for the rail trail, one for Red Chimney Road culvert. See link on Town website to see wetlands permits, past and current, issued in Warner.
12. Communications –
  - a. Notice from DES of prerequisites for NH DOT land transfer (landlocked piece in ROW) completed.
  - b. Blue Moon Farm – potential conservation easement to protect the farm. Discussion regarding spending some of the land conservation funds to help with the conservation easement of the Blue Moon Farm. The conservation survey indicated that Warner residents are interested in land conservation including agricultural lands like the Blue Moon Farm. Will get a presentation at next months meeting from the Five Rivers Land Conservation Trust.
  - c. Warner Power has been vacated. Question raised as to what it is in the abandoned barrels adjacent to the Warner River. Suggestion to call Ken Milander – Warner River Local Advisory Committee chair and Selectman Carson to investigate the barrels and seek a way to remove them.
  - d. No updates on town-owned properties that could be up for auction. Will request an update from Selectman Carson
  - e. Noted the article in the June 19, 2021 Concord Monitor on the online map to track microclimates [https://concordmonitor-nh-app.newsmemory.com/?publink=2b41a0eb4\\_1345de9](https://concordmonitor-nh-app.newsmemory.com/?publink=2b41a0eb4_1345de9).
13. Revised WCC members – motion made and passed to make Ken Cogswell a full voting member. That means 6 full voting members of the WCC. The WCC voted to recommend to BOS that Ms. Germain and Ms. Sloane serve as alternative WCC members.
14. Adjourned 8:23 pm.