



Town of Warner, New Hampshire  
Conservation Commission

Wednesday September 1, 2021  
Meeting Minutes

Conservation Commission members present: Nancy Martin-Chair, Alice Chamberlain, Doug Allen, Phil Stockwell, Ken Cogswell, Jody Sloane, Jackie Germain  
Members of the Public present: Michael Tardiff

Meeting convened at 7:02 pm

1. August meeting minutes approved
2. Update on revised Warner Conservation Commission members- BOS approved Jody Sloane and Jackie Germain as Alternates and moved Ken Coswell into the sixth voting member.
3. Michael Tardiff of Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission discussed ways that Commission can offer guidance for DES grant writing for monies available. Potential efforts include: source water drinking protection, aquifer protection, well protection, educational programs, mapping, industrial threats. Make it Warner relevant. Grant application due November 1, 2021. Applicant would be The Municipality on behalf of the Warner Conservation Commission. Plan to inform Board of Selectman. Present budget in the Grant Proposal. Alice Chamberlain is leading grant writer and coordinator. She emphasized need to involve the public in discussion of potential Town Ordinances for Ground Water Protection, including reviewing successful ordinances past by other towns. Ken Milender can be a resource on past efforts. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 has additional monies for infrastructure improvement.
4. Silver Lake Swim Area- Nancy and Jody met with DPW's Tim Allen and Parks and Recreation Apryl Blood at the site to discuss aeration possibilities. Solar vs electric systems discussed by members. Cost to town reviewed. Necessity/type of system needs to be further evaluated with adequate water testing performed. Warner Parks and Recreation idea to cut down pine trees bordering the beach discussed. Loss of trees would affect water temp, other impacts- shade, water quality/temperature. Additional input needed from other aeration companies and a NH DES limnologist. Educational programs for town residents regarding benefits of Silver Lake proposed. Jody and Jackie interested in onsite events to engage residents in plants, animals, ecosystems of Silver Lake.
5. Capital Improvements Plan 2022-2028- CC operating budget discussed. No monies have been asked for in several years. Proposed ask of \$25K was agreed on.
6. Agricultural Committee- Six full voting members approved at August 3, 2021 Board of Selectmen meeting. Michael Amaral was voted in as a voting member and will represent the Conservation Commission.

7. Mink Hills Recreation Study Committee- Meeting on September 20, 2021 for Class A Trails talk. Class A Trails controlled by Town which decides use restrictions.
8. Economic Development Committee- Wall mural and Child Care Survey. Survey needs to be done regarding child care needs in Warner. Wall mural, depicting 250-year history of Warner will be revealed and in place on October 3, 2021.
9. Taking Action for Wildlife- Warner team headed by Jody Sloan was chosen as one of 5 NH teams participants in the program. Instruction, design of project, planning and implementation will take place over the next 7 months.
10. Forestry/Wetlands Permits- Ken reviewed one “intent to cut” application: 40 acres off East Sutton Rd, (Map 18: Lot 001)
11. Communications-
  - Henry Howell contacted Nancy regarding the Chan Property located in Sutton that is for sale. It is 255 acres, borders Warner’s and State lands. Asking price is \$499K. We would like involvement. SPNHF acquiring land discussed.
  - Nancy Ladd (Warner Public Library) advertised BioBlitz on CC website.
  - Doug Allen’s daughter will be working at Town Hall as a school project to digitize records there.
  - NH Association of Conservation Commissions has several free events listed on their website as “Lunch and Learn”.
12. Meeting Adjourned at 8:29 pm