



Town of Warner, New Hampshire
Conservation Commission
Wednesday, April 6, 2022

Draft Meeting Minutes
IN-PERSON MEETING
Warner Town Hall 7:00 pm

Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) members present: Ken Cogswell, Nancy Martin, Susi von Oettingen, Scott Warren, Phil Stockwell, Michael Amaral

General Public: None

Meeting began at 7:04 pm. We were unable to link to Zoom and Owl. Nancy will work with Town Hall to make future conservation commission meetings available to the public through Zoom.

Agenda

- 1) Approve March Minutes – approved (with one edit)
- 2) Stream surveys – 60% of the streams have native trout, water quality surveys conducted by Ben Nugent. These surveys are completed. Suggest we pick a stream every year to monitor for aquatic invertebrates, water quality parameters, and fish (especially trout). Looking for volunteers to select a stream to monitor. Primary goal to monitor stream for climate change. Suggested Bartlett Brook as a possible monitoring station. Will follow up with Ben Nugent to get more details of monitoring effort.
- 3) Taking Action for Wildlife – Project is moving forward, requested funding from the WCC to play for supplies for the pollinator garden. Estimated price is \$500 for seeds. Will request a copy of the plan and report submitted to the UNH Coop Extension. Have an agreement with the Chandler Reservation for a Nature Trail who will support the trail implementation.
- 4) Mink Hills Recreation Study Committee Update- Next meeting is April 20th. With the cooperation of the Central NH Planning Commission. Have mapped out the Class VI roads, divided the Class VI roads into sections. Looking at the roads in each section based on slope, water, wetlands. The goal is to identify the appropriate recreational use that a section of the Class VI road can support in the most environmentally sound manner.
- 5) Economic Development Advisory Committee – Action on the part of the Board of Selectmen (BOS), the EDAC, and the Boys and Girls Club of Concord. The Head Start program may move due to lack of enrollment. If the Head Start Program moves, the Girls and Boys Clubs of Concord would be interested in establishing a child care facility. The School District is also interested in this multi-partner collaboration. Some local businesses interested in providing financial support because of the great need for day care.

- 6) Agricultural Committee Update – Meeting monthly. Beginning to look at the interpretation of agri-tourism. Discussion is in the early stages.
- 7) Forestry/Wetlands Permits – Warner has a new assessor who will be handling intent to cuts. There were 2 intent to cuts this year that will be processed. No new wetlands permits reported.
- 8) Communications –
 - a) The BOS is looking for a representative from the WCC to sit on the Housing Committee.
 - b) The WCC was asked if we were interested in holding an executory interest (Back-up Interest) for the Pletcher Vegetable Ranch Conservation Easement. The Selectboard must accept the Executory Interest, the WCC cannot. Should get this on the Selectboard agenda. The WCC supports holding the Executory Interest.
 - c) Restoration and Monitoring Opportunities in the Warner River Watershed – presentation to outline ongoing projects and introduce options for new projects.
 - d) NH Fish and Game will give a presentation on monitoring butterflies as part of a statewide effort.
 - e) Received information on a presentation on managing the Knotweed, an invasive species.
9. Adjourned at 7:55 pm.