



Town of Warner, New Hampshire  
Conservation Commission  
Wednesday, May 4, 2022

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

Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) members present: Alice Chamberlin, Jody Sloane, Jackie Germain, Nancy Martin, Susi von Oettingen, Doug Allen

General Public: Note, Zoom meeting was not able to be started due to lack of necessary equipment at the Town Hall.

Meeting began at 7:02 pm.

#### Agenda

- 1) Approve April Meeting Minutes – approved with a minor edit.
- 2) Taking Action for Wildlife – Update: Ready to move the stumps with the assistance of the Chandler Reservation, will begin moving the stumps in the upcoming week. Trying to get black plastic on loan to kill the weeds (request for a loan has gone out on social media) for the pollinator meadow, located behind the concrete slab. Dimensions 75' x 75'. Developing the signs for the nature trail, have quotes for cost of signs. Nine to ten points of interest. Will have QR codes with information on the signs about that point on the trail. Narrative for the project will be on file with the Conservation Commission. The pollinator garden will focus on different insect pollinators. Recommended seed mix from the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. The Project is seeking \$500 from the WCC from the operating fund to support the acquisition of the pollinator seed mix.

A motion was made and approved to provide \$500 out of the WCC operating budget to support the Project.

- 3) Mink Hills Recreation Study Committee Update- Next meeting is May 18, at 7:00 pm. Rebecca Courser, Rich Cook, and Sarah Allen have walked the vast majority of Class VI roads and mapped them by section. The objective is to assess what recreational activities could be supported depending on the state of the roads (e.g. flooded, dry, surrounding habitat, etc.). The information will be GIS-based.
- 4) Groundwater Project – Alice will be on the agenda for the next Planning Board meeting to review the Groundwater Protection Program. Needs one more person on the Committee – particularly from the business community.

- 5) Economic Development Advisory Committee – Community Center/Child Care update – Community Action Head Start Program is leaving the building (not enough children to support the Program). Hope is to open a child care facility where the Head Start space is in collaboration with the NH Boys and Girls Club.
- 6) Agricultural Committee Update – One of the Agricultural Committee members is working to establish a Community garden behind the Community Center and pollinator garden at Simonds Elementary School
- 7) Conservation Commissions' ASLPT Spring Roundtable – Nancy attended the meeting. Highlights - NEC is developing wetlands delineations for some towns, Town of Sunapee has ongoing hiking trail maintenance and construction activities, and taking donations for trail upkeep using QR codes. Also information on gates and bars on certain Class VI roads/Class A trails.
- 8) Housing Committee – the Selectboard is seeking to establish this committee. Jody and Jackie volunteered to represent the WCC working in tandem to share information and garner input from the WCC.
- 9) Forestry/Wetlands Permits – March had 2 Intents to Cut applications (posted on the Town website). Five in total since January.
- 10) Communications –
  - a) Audubon Society – pollinator pamphlet
  - b) Newsletter from NH Association of Conservation Commissions – of note several towns have asked town residents whether Conservation Commissions can be active outside of their town (Boscawen was an example)
  - c) Ausbon Sargent newsletter – note articles about wildlife

Adjourned at 8:15 pm.