



Town of Warner, New Hampshire
Conservation Commission
Wednesday, August 3, 2022

August Meeting Minutes
Warner Town Hall 7:00 pm
In Person Meeting

Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) members present: Alice Chamberlin, Doug Allen, and Nancy Martin, Chair. Due to lack of a quorum, no votes on agenda items could be taken.

Note: Zoom meeting was enabled but viewer feedback indicated invalid access ID and passwords prevented viewer access to the meeting.

Meeting began at 7:00 pm.

Agenda

1. Approval of July Minutes was postponed to the September meeting.

2. Stream Monitoring: Jody placed an add in the Library Newsletter to recruit stream monitors. She received feedback from interested people, including a father and 10 year old son. The question came up, could a 10 year old take on stream monitoring responsibilities? Members present agreed that if the father or another adult was actively involved in the monitoring, this would be a great opportunity to educate an interested young person, who could become a future stream monitor as he grows older. Jody will reach out to responders in the fall, when Ben Nugent is available to set up stream monitoring training and scheduling.

3. Groundwater Project: Alice reported 100% attendance at the first meeting of the Groundwater Quality Committee. CNHRPC was represented by Mike Tardiff, Stephanie Alexander (Zoom) and Matt Baronas (Zoom.) Among others, there is representation from Hazard Mitigation, the Local Advisory Committee, the Municipal Water/Sewer Dep't, and MadgeTech Corp. Discussion included background on grant goals...to educate the public about the importance of groundwater quality and consider the need to revise current ordinance.

4. Taking Action for Wildlife: Jody provided a written update of TAFW Committee

- Narratives for signposts are developed and seeking approval from Chandler Reservation Board
- Sign design and content and need for a kiosk require approval from Chandler Reservation Board
- Considering next steps for ski hill meadow. Pollinator garden may not need black plastic to keep weeds down.
- Planting tentatively planned for October based on recommendation from Audubon Society.
- Committee interested in partnering with WCC on future grant application.

5. Minks Hills Recreation Study Committee: Preparation for public meeting Sept 8. Next meeting 8/4 to discuss progress on postcard mailing to MH landowners.

6. Economic Development Advisory Meeting: Childcare for infants and toddlers sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of NH will open at the Community Center (Old Graded School) in October. Warner residents will have first option to participate. Staff will get free childcare at the location.

7. Agriculture Committee: No report

8. Housing Committee: With state/federal money available for affordable housing, owner Adam Quinn is seeking to submit application for funds to build a 24 unit apartment building on the third lot adjacent (east) of Dunkin' Donuts at Exit 9. The application will require a Special Exception from the Warner Zoning Board. All work on application must be completed by 8/8 to comply with 3 week public notice requirement. Public hearing scheduled for 8/29. Completed application due in Concord by 9/2.

9. Forestry/Wetlands Permits: The wetlands application (Tax Map 26: Lot 25) to restore the retaining wall on the property at Pleasant Pond has been denied for incomplete information. Nancy called DES, and spoke to Mary Ann Tilton, Ass't Wetlands Admin. who said DES is negotiating on an appeal from property owner for settlement options.

10. Communications:

- Nancy received a call from party interested in purchasing Colby Lane property. Caller wanted to know if abutting Harvey property was conserved and what activities are allowed on conservation land, the Chandler Reservation, Harriman Forest and Ashendon State Forest. Nancy responded that logging is allowed and that Class VI roads are open to plated vehicles. Efforts are underway by the MH Recreation Committee to identify sustainable recreation and make recommendations to the town.
- Nancy is scheduled on 8/30 to present the 2023 WCC budget to the BOS. Members present discussed if there are "asks" that could be included in the budget presentation. Doug suggested an update to the Warner Conservation Plan. Nancy will ask CNHRPC what the cost would be to for their assistance on this update?

11. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55. Next meeting Sept. 7.