



Town of Warner, New Hampshire
Conservation Commission
Wednesday, November 2, 2022

AGENDA
Warner Town Hall 7:00 pm
In Person Meeting
Zoom Access

Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) members present: Alice Chamberlin, Phil Stockwell, Scott Warren, Susi von Oettingen, Ken Cogswell, Jackie Germain (via Zoom), and Nancy Martin, Chair.

No members of the public were present. Zoom option was available.

Note: Zoom meeting was initiated at 7:10. Note, started recording at 7:31 (operator error).

Meeting began at 7:08 pm.

1. Approve October Minutes – Approved.

2. WCC Finances

- Properties for Auction – follow up on the properties that the WCC reviewed. The Town auctioned off three least desirable properties and sold them. Nancy asked about the status of the list of auctionable properties. At this time, not being reviewed by the Board of Selectmen (BOS) for further auctions. Suggestion to map the list of the properties that could be potentially auctioned to determine whether they were of conservation value based on their location to other conservation lands. Need to get the complete list of properties first. Should review the combined list of WCC and Planning Board criteria to review the properties that could be auctioned with respect to conservation values.
- Anticipated Land Donation – 16 acres of land, dependent upon tax information/surveys. It has been surveyed and stamp on the deed, may not need an updated survey. Abuts Chandler Reservation land.
- Revise the Natural Resources Inventory – estimated cost \$8,000. Should be able to pay for this with the current funds in the budget.

Will not have a warrant request for funds at the Town Meeting, no need this year. Will request the same amount as has been requested for the past 9 years for the WCC operating budget.

3. Groundwater Project- Update by Alice Chamberlin. Went through the Town regulations and highlighted every reference to water to get a good understanding of existing protections. Protection to water generally, but few references to groundwater specifically. Will also be reviewing ordinances from other towns as models for a potential ordinance for Warner. Focus may be on best practices to protect ground water.

4. Stream Monitoring Event – 12 people participated at North Village Road, Stevens Brook – Volunteers were taught how to monitor water quality.
5. *Taking Action for Wildlife*-Jody Sloane (not present, no update)
Nature Trail- Chandler
Big Tree Program
6. Mink Hills Recreation Study Committee- Update by Nancy Martin – most of the data collection has been completed. Two subcommittees 1) draft report and 2) draft conservation recommendations. Anticipate a second public meeting possibly in January.
7. Economic Development Advisory Committee- Update by Nancy Martin (representative on Committee) – Conversations with Concord Hospital about potential property development.
8. Agricultural Committee – no news
9. Affordable Housing – Update by Nancy Martin. Owners of property proposed for housing have appealed the decision by the Planning Board.
10. Forestry/Wetlands Permits – Update by Ken Cogswell. No posted intent to cut. One statutory Permit-by-notification to DES by Eversource for temporary wetland impacts within the easement for utility structures within the Warner River watershed.
11. Communications
 - Sutton Con Comm Invitation – November 17th to discuss a regional approach to climate change.
 - Forestry Brochures will be put out on Voting Day outside of voting area.
12. Adjourned at 7:52.