



Town of Warner, New Hampshire
Conservation Commission
Wednesday, December 7, 2022

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

Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) members present: Alice Chamberlin, Phil Stockwell, Susi von Oettingen, Michael Amaral, Jackie Germain, Jody Sloane, Ken Cogswell, and Nancy Martin, Chair.

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

Note: Zoom meeting was initiated at 7:02.

1. Celebrating the conservation of the Nemeck Property- Ralph Ellwell (landowner) would like suggestions to celebrate the conservation of the Nemeck Property placed under conservation easement for 20 to 25 years. SPNF holds the conservation easement. Will invite Mr. Ellwell to next WCC to discuss his ideas.
2. Approve November Minutes – will review and approve at the next WCC meeting, were not available to the entire WCC prior to this meeting.
3. Anticipated Collins Land Donation- Public Hearing-December 20 – a 16 acre parcel on North Village Road at intersection of Cunningham Pond Rd, Gould Road, and North Village Road. Has a beaver pond, has historical significance and may be of interest to the Black Heritage Trail. The Chandler Reservation is interested in the property as it abuts the Reservation. Nancy presented the possibility of the donation to the selectboard. Public hearing pushed to December 20 at a selectboard meeting, to give time to notice to the abutters. Need to do a title search, need to take the question to town meeting to vote on acceptance of the parcel. Rich Cook has been providing technical assistance for the donation, (currently an appointee to the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Land Conservation).
4. Groundwater Project- Update, Alice Chamberlin - There will be a public meeting to explain what the objectives of the Project are. Has been considerable advertisement about the upcoming meeting including the Warner Public Library newsletter and mail outs to residents. Public meeting at the Town Hall on December 13 at 7:00 pm. A draft ordinance is in front of the Planning Board for review.
5. Properties for Auction – Nancy Martin discussed the list of auctionable properties with the Selectboard and how to conserve parcels of conservation significance. Suggestion to review the properties with the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission to ID those parcels with significant natural resources. Would help to ID parcels that the WCC would recommend

not be sold. Suggest rolling these parcels into the mapping project for the revision of the natural resource inventory.

6. *Taking Action for Wildlife*-Jody Sloane/Jackie Germain
 - a. Nature Trail- Chandler – all 10 sign posts have been installed with linked QR codes providing information. Jody proposes to develop a video “tutorial”. The area for the pollinator garden will be rock raked in the near future for spring time seeding. Will have winter activities proposed as soon as snow makes it possible. Information on the Nature Trail and activities are linked to the Chandler Reservation
 - b. Big Tree Program – no updates.
 - c. Stream monitoring – Jody did the training, for monitoring Warner streams need to acquire the equipment. Suggestion to seek funds from Trout Unlimited for the equipment needed to monitor brook trout stream(s) in the Warner River watershed.
7. Mink Hills Recreation Study Committee- Update, Nancy Martin – are in the process of drafting a report and making recommendations for the future recreational activities in the Mink Hills.
8. Economic Development Advisory Committee-Update, Nancy Martin – no news to report.
9. Agricultural Committee- Update, Michael Amaral – Had a presentation by the Groundwater Protection Committee. The Committee is trying to get an inventory of the farms in Warner. Developing a survey to map the acreage and properties involved in agriculture.
10. Affordable Housing – Update – no new information. Note, there are tenants in the restored Foster Farm House.
11. Forestry/Wetlands Permits – Ken Cogswell – Nothing posted to report.
12. Communications – Ann Eldridge sent Nancy Martin an email, suggested a regional cooperation to recycle tires. Collect tires to sell to companies who recycle tires. Will check with Varek if our town sells tires that are collected at the transfer station. Forest Notes, Women on the Land (USDA publication).
13. New Business – Review minutes, pull out highlights from the minutes in preparation for the annual report.
14. Adjourned at 8:19 pm.