



Town of Warner, New Hampshire
Mink Hills Recreation Study Committee
Thursday, October 4, 2022

MINUTES - Final
IN-PERSON MEETING
Warner Town Hall, 5:00 pm

Attending: Sarah Allen, Craig Tufts and Vincent Pagano (CNHRPC), David Minton, Peter Bates, Gerald Courser, Christine Frost and Nancy Martin. Sarah announced that she will contact Bill Simpson from the Bound Tree Club.

Committee Vote: Motion to approve the August minutes, since September committee meeting was poorly attended-Motion to approve made by Nancy; Christine seconded; August Minutes were approved

Feedback from the September 8th public meeting is all positive. Craig wrote a report with a summary and notes taken verbatim from subgroup easels. We should include the percent of participants who are land owners as well as non-landowners. The sign-in sheet will be located and analyzed to determine how to report the numbers/percents. Craig's report will be posted and sent to all who attended and left email contacts. Craig's report on the public meeting will also be included in the final report and recommendations from the Mink Hills Recreational Study Committee.

Craig led the discussion on findings from each group:

Group 1- "A good thing" on road conditions isn't always good. There are differing points of view from landowners whose "access is negatively affected." Let's not over interpret these raw comments.

- Every group commented on importance of natural resources
- Access to private property must be maintained
- Inappropriate use of Class Vi roads is difficult to police.
- Trespassing, abuse of adjacent lands are concerns and difficult to police
- We've got to find common ground.

Discussion moved to "The Mink Hills as a Destination" occurring through active on-line coordination. Can we re-word this so it doesn't sound so exclusionary and negative.. Craig will work on the language and send revisions to Rebecca and Andy. He will reiterate that this is raw language that came from the subgroups.

Next Steps:

1. We must return to the draft report. What will we do about Recommendations from the committee? We should invite police, fire, and DPW to our next meeting to talk about their issues in the Minks. We need legal expertise to learn what we can and Cannot do. We discussed the idea of bringing in Tim Allen, Bill Chandler, Jon France and Steve Buckley from the NH Municipal Association via Zoom. Mike Tardiff and Craig will approach Steve Buckley to Zoom in.

2. Subcommittees:

- a) to draft the final report and;
- b) develop recommendations

Everything begins with public input. Craig said that that the final report should be more community oriented than the original plan for recommendations. This first public meeting was focused on landowners. We need to include town goals. Drafting recommendations should start with the largest points, then we can tweak the initial recommendations. We have a lot more work to do before we release a final report.

Next Meeting: November 9 at 7:00 in the library that has the necessary technical equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Martin".

Nancy Martin
Mink Hills Recreational Study Committee