



WARNER RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES - DRAFT

Wednesday, 27 May 2020

7:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 939 5753 1691

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Appointed WRLAC Representatives present in **bold** (term ends):

Bruce Edwards, Bradford (10-8-2021)

Scott MacLean, Bradford (10-8-2021)

Susan Roman, Webster (10-12-2021)

Ken Milender, Warner (11-26-2021)

Laura Russell, Warner (11-26-2021)

Christopher Spannweitz, Warner (11-26-2021)

Doug Giles, Hopkinton (11-26-2021)

Linden Rayton, Hopkinton (11-26-2021)

J. Michael Norris, Hopkinton (11-26-2021)

David White, Hopkinton (11-26-2021)

Robert Wright, Sutton (05-22-2021)

Andy Jeffrey, Sutton (07-23-2021)

Peter Savickas, Sutton (08-19-2021)

Dan Moran, Webster (09-03-2022)

Invited Guests: None

New and Continuing Business

1. Meeting minutes (February).
 - a. No quorum; no vote.
2. Permit Applications – Close out. Bradford, DES #2020-00566 (9 Breezy Hill Road). DES issued permit 04/15/2020.

No discussion.
3. Website
 - a. Ken will check in with Andy about website costs so that we can eventually create a presence on the Web as we develop our corridor management plan. A presence on the web would also help potential grant-providers understand our goals.
4. Fund raising, non-profit status
 - a. Peter reviewed his conversation with Tess Beem at NH Grassroots. He feels that NH Grassroots would be interested in providing a grant of up to \$1,000 if we could get an EIN number. This would be particularly helpful because it was generally agreed that towns will not be in a position to help due to the loss in revenue from Covid-19.
 - b. Committee members present agreed that pursuing NH Grassroots was a good idea, but recognized that we could not take a vote without a quorum.
 - c. Action items
 - i. Ken will ask David about procuring an EIN so Peter can get back to Tess.



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- ii. Peter will let Tess know that we are still interested and that we are working on getting an EIN and a bank account.
 - iii. We are not ready yet to become a 501(c)3 organization, but perhaps in a few years we could come in under the umbrella of an established nonprofit like Ausbon-Sargent or SPNHF.
 - iv. Since Dan knows “someone” at SPNHF, he will talk to folks there about building a relationship with them in order to possibly come in under their “umbrella” sometime in the future.
5. Trout Unlimited Liaison Subcomm Report
 - a. No discussion
6. Warner River Corridor Management Plan. Draft Plan submitted by Central NH Planning 03/31/2020. No news or updates on the review status. Chair thinks he remembers sending it out to the full committee for their reading pleasure.
 - a. No discussion
7. Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail update
 - a. No discussion
8. Warner ARM Pre-Pre-proposal Status (Chair). In progress with Warner CC, DPW, EMD, NH Fish & Game. Due in to DES 29 May!
 - a. No discussion

Other Business

1. Warner Planning Board meeting, June 1

Chair Ken noted that on Monday, June 1, there will be a Warner Planning Board meeting about construction of a drive through doughnut shop in the Warner Intervale area. (See notice below.) He has drafted a letter asking for more information about storm water management.

2. Permit Committee idea

Chair Ken wondered if we had any record of discussion about setting up a Permit Committee. Secretary notes that a discussion about this began at the September 25 meeting.

1. *WRLAC Review Guidelines part 1 (Sue/Ken).*
 - a. *Susan reported that she and Ken looked at the Upper Merrimack River LAC's guidelines for reviewing permit applications. She also reported on conversations with Tracie Sales (NH DES Rivers Program) about the most efficient way for the Committee to review permits, especially when a permit cannot be reviewed by the Committee before the next meeting. The question is are there standardized procedures?*
 - i. *DES is still developing standard guidelines for LACs to review permits efficiently.*
 - ii. *The administrative rules allow contains provisions that will allow the Full Committee to appoint a subcommittee which could review permits when there is not sufficient time for the full Committee to review the permit application,*



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- provided the full Committee later approves the subcommittee's response at the next full committee meeting.*
- iii. *The administrative rules also allow for formation of subcommittees to review and comment on applications that could produce only de minimus impacts to the designated corridor and/or with commonly repeated committee positions (provided the committee has approved of standard responses).*
 - iv. *Tracie urged the Committee (or subcommittee) to call reviewers to find out what the "true deadline" is because there is often a lag time between when the permit is filed and when it is reviewed. If there is lag time, this might sometimes give the Full Committee the opportunity for a look at the application and still keep to the statutory deadlines.*
 - v. *The UMLAC does not have any guidelines for federal permits.*
 - vi. *Susan noted that the LAC statute says we can comment on any federal, state, or local permit applications within the watershed.*
 - vii. *Bruce noted that there is a lot of FEMA money coming in for repairs to infrastructure damaged during the severe rain storms and flooding that occurred on July 11/12 (due to Presidential Disaster Declaration). Ken: any money for LACs? Bruce: go right to FEMA; might be money for culverts. Bruce to forward the email to Chair for his review.*
- b. *For the October agenda: discuss timing even if DES is not finished with its efforts to produce standardized guidelines.*

Long-Term Monitoring (all quiet, for now . . .)

FEMA Risk MAP Contoocook Basin
Warner River Instream Flow Study

Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail
Route 127 (Davisville) Bridge Project

Adjournment (8:00?)

Due to the State of Emergency declared by Governor Sununu, and in response to Emergency Orders #12 and #23 of Executive Order 2020-04, the Warner River Local Advisory Committee is authorized to meet electronically. There is no physical location in which to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting. We will be utilizing Zoom.us for an electronic meeting. All members of the Warner River LAC have the ability to participate contemporaneously during this meeting; the public has access to listen contemporaneously and if necessary, to participate in this meeting. Dial phone number 301-715-8592, Meeting ID: 939 5753 1691 or go to the following website address: <https://zoom.us> click "Join a Meeting" and enter Meeting ID: 939 5753 1691. If you are not able to access the meeting by calling the number provided above, please call (603) 264-9412. In the event the public is unable to access the meeting by phone, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled.



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Attachments:

1. February meeting minutes (draft)

FOR REFERENCE

Town of Warner - PUBLIC NOTICE

Planning Board Public Hearing - 6/01/20 7:00 PM

The Warner Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm via [Zoom](#). The application will be reviewed for completeness, acceptance, and possible final approval. There is no physical location for this meeting. If you are unable to connect to the meeting, please call the Land Use Office at [603-456-2298 x3](tel:603-456-2298) for assistance.

Applicant: Comet, LLC
Property Owners: Comet, LLC
Agent Name: Benjamin C. Osgood Jr., PE
Property Location: [Map 35, lot 4](#)
Property Address: 9 Route 103 West, Warner, NH 03278
Zoning District: C-1
Description: 700 sf retail building and drive through donut shop.

Documents:

Site Plan: [Download PDF](#)
Application & Abutter List: [Download PDF](#)
Abutters List: [Download PDF](#)

All interested parties are invited to attend or respond. Written comments will be made a part of the record of the meeting and must be received by noon on Monday, June 1, 2020. Mail to: Town of Warner, Planning Board, P.O. Box 265, Warner, NH 03278. E-mail: landuse@warner.nh.us

A copy of the plan is located in the land use drop box at the front entrance at the town hall, on the bulletin board located at the front entrance at the town hall and on the town website.