



WARNER RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MINUTES - Approved at an in-person meeting on July 27, 2022

Wednesday, 23 February 2022

7:00 p.m.

(on Zoom)

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

George Embley, Webster (2024)

Marlene Freyler, Bradford (08-16-2024)

Patti Furness, Bradford (2024)

Mike Howley, Bradford (2024)

Andy Jeffrey, Sutton (07-29-2022)

Ken Milender, Warner (11-26-2024)

Dan Morrissey, Hopkinton (02-09-2025)

Dan Moran, Webster (09-03-2022)

J. Michael Norris, Hopkinton (11-26-2024)

Laura Russell, Warner (11-26-2024)

Peter Savickas, Sutton (08-19-2022)

Christopher Spannweitz, Warner (11-26-2024)

Note: Although enough members were present on zoom for a quorum, current NH law only allows a quorum to consist of those who are present in person. Thus, this meeting did not have a quorum.

New Business

1. January meeting minutes were approved unanimously by straw poll.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Patty will check with Dave White about any necessary tax filing for 2022.
 - b. Account balance: \$2,350.00

Continuing Business.

1. Cultural sites for the Hikes and Walks Guidebook - We could use a few more cultural and historical sites. Ideas wanted on how do we get these on to a labeled, interactive map (utilizing our existing raw materials as our base - Map #9 in our CMP folio)?
 - a. Chris has photos and new entries to add for the cultural sites portion.
 - b. Idea for the website: a reading list and links to [Main Street Book Ends](#) and [Morgan Hill](#) bookstores

- i. Perhaps at our next meeting, committee members could suggest titles to add to the reading list.
2. New permit application last month (Chair/Subcomm report): Proposed 2-Lot Subdivision, Robert Shoemaker, Morse Lane, Warner.
 - a. On Feb 3, 2022, Ken submitted a [letter](#) on behalf of WRLAC to Warner's Land Office with minor suggestions.
3. Warner Groundwater Ordinance
 - a. Warner ConComm was awarded the grant from DES to put together an education program on the importance of groundwater to the Town.
 - b. The hope is to have something for approval at the 2023 Town Meeting.
 - c. It would be a good idea for a WRLAC Warner member to be a liaison.
4. [Action Items for 2022](#)
 - a. January's guest speaker from NH F&G, Mark Beauchsene, was clearly helping us address 6.3.1-2 and 6.5.1-1.
 - i. The [Landowner Relations Program website](#) has useful information for both landowners and recreationists.
 - ii. Having materials from the program's website would be good to have at our community events.
 - iii. Mike H talked with Tracie Sales, who shared a GIS layer of all state-owned properties for LACs to use. These can be used to identify public access to the river as well as to assist LACs in monitoring parcels that the state may deem as surplus and they are looking to offload.
 - iv. This map layer could possibly be shared with the public. There are many state-owned parcels that provide access to the river. He was thinking of trimming the map to the Warner River area.
 - v. Mike will check with Tracie to understand how public these maps can be made before putting anything on the WRLAC website.
 - vi. Secretary's note: Laura found what [might be a similar map](#) with just a quick search online.
 - b. Ken, Mike N, and Mike H have been working on 6.1.7-1. This is **"telling the stories"** that are generated by the Davisville Gauge. Some of this is already on the [website](#). More to be added and shared through other media in addition to the website. There's also an observation well and some rain gauges to provide lots of educational opportunities using the expertise of our esteemed Committee members.
 - c. Dan Moran has great photos to show the river at the gauge. He can also provide text/narrative.

Related comments generated by the above discussion

- d. Dan Moran - Should Laura and I put together a presentation for the Committee about wildlife, threatened, and invasive species (6.4)? YES

- e. These are great topics for our local media outlets.
 - f. Warner River Watershed Conservation Project work - George will be representing the WRLAC as they develop their plans for the year.
 - i. This includes another round of collecting info on the same streams that have been surveyed in the past, as well as surveying around culverts before and after replacement.
 - ii. Because F&G is not always available to do electrofishing, there are other survey methods to monitor water quality.
 - iii. Developing a process in conjunction with the WRLAC to monitor tributaries within the WR Corridor.
 - g. ARM grant of \$258k for Warner is in the works. Culvert work at Ballard Brook can come out of these funds.
5. Warner Power Drums: (Chair and Chris): Now that we've heard back from DES (!!), and found that they don't really have jurisdiction over non-leaking drums, we've reached out to the Town of Warner to see what they know about the situation and what they can do. Update.
- a. Warner health officer said there is no concern on his part.
 - b. Ken is now hoping to hear from the fire department.

New Business, Part 2

1. Mike H. showed his powerpoint of the Warner River dam inventory. This is the beginning act for Action Item 6.1.1-3!

Meeting adjourned at approx 8:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Russell, WRLAC Sec.

Next meeting: Weds, 23 March, 2022 on Zoom.