



Town of Warner, New Hampshire
Conservation Commission
Minutes
Wednesday, January 3, 2024
Warner Town Hall 7:00 pm
In Person Meeting
Zoom Access

IN ATTENDANCE:

Nancy Martin (chair), Alice Chamberlain, Ken Cogswell, Michael Amaral, Doug Allen, Jackie Germain (alternate)

Meeting began at 7:02pm

1. Water Quality Monitoring in Warner Streams

George Embley-Trout Unlimited presented

The Stream Monitoring Program started 1 ½ years ago in Warner. Fish were catalogued, Microvertebrates surveyed, some water quality testing performed in partnership with Ben Nugent, New Hampshire Fish and Game. Monitoring training was done in 2023 with volunteers, another training will be scheduled for 2024. Volunteers requested. NH F&G and TU propose having Warner Conservation Commission sponsor the periodic monitoring of the streams. New Hampshire Fish and Game will provide technical support and to manage data collected.

2. Kearsarge Community Land Trust (KCLT)

Discussion to be postponed until the March 6, 2023 meeting as Bret Ingold unable to attend this meeting.

3. Approve minutes December 1, 2023

The minutes from the December 1, 2023 meeting were approved.

4. Natural Resource Inventory- Town Owned Properties

Presentation with CNHRPC on January 9, 2024 at 5 pm to Board of Selectmen regarding Properties

5. Mountain Bike Trail on Mount Kearsage

No known progress since the trail was flagged. Public meeting recommended Nancy Martin to follow up on a letter written to Erik Nelson, Central Region Supervisor, NH State Parks. This letter was sent by Nancy on behalf of The Warner Conservation Commission on August 14, 2023 containing questions and concerns raised by The Commission and the public who attended the June 7, 2023 meeting of the WCC. No reply has been received to date.

6. Rail Trail Facilitated Public Discussion

This will take place on Wednesday February 7, 2024 at regular Warner Conservation Commission meeting. Butch Burbank will facilitate the discussion. The public is invited and will be allowed to speak. Tim Blagden will provide information on the current status of the Rail Trail, including maps.

7. Economic Development Committee-Update

A teacher has been hired for the childcare facility and infants are now being accepted. Kearsarge Regional High School will be offering training for child care workers, sponsored by The Boys and Girls Club.

8. Forestry Wetlands Permits-Variance to cut 12-018, 2 and 3

Tim Wallace, forester for Chandler Reservation, NH DES gave positive response

9. Agricultural Committee-Update

Michael Ameal attended the 12/11/2023 meeting and relayed there was a discussion about what help, incentives could be offered to Warner farmers at the Warner Fall Foliage Festival to encourage participation. Additional comment about larger farms and seasonal housing options (Master Plan) was discussed.

10. Communication

Nancy Martin received a letter of resignation from WCC alternate Jody Sloane. We have an opening on The Commission for a new alternate member

Clyde Carson distributed information cards regarding Warner Community Power which will be implemented in Warner in March 2024. An information session will take place on Tuesday January 30, 2024 in conjunction with the BOS meeting.

11. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm