



Town of Warner, New Hampshire
Conservation Commission
Wednesday, May 1, 2024

MINUTES
Warner Town Hall 7:00 pm
In Person Meeting and Zoom

Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) members present: Ken Cogswell, Doug Allen, Michael Amaral, Susi von Oettingen, Jackie Germaine (Alternate), and Nancy Martin, Chair.

Members of the public present: Scott Clay, Katherine Mitchell

Meeting began at 7:09pm.

1. New Business – Conservation easement that overlaps the Hopkinton/Warner line presented by Scott Clay and Katherine Mitchell. Note the proposed conservation land is adjacent to the Bermuda Harris conserved land, the potential conservation easement is about 70 acres of land in Warner. The Hopkinton Natural Resources Inventory identified the area as important wildlife habitat. The property would also provide connectivity between the Bermuda Harris (5 Rivers Conservation Trust) and Glavin Memorial Forest (Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests) conserved properties. The owners have spoken to 5 Rivers Conservation Trust, Ausbon Sargent, and SPNF and none have responded to their inquiries to date. Susi von Oettingen will reach out to Sarah Allen of 5 Rivers Conservation Trust regarding the easement and give her the owners contact information. The owners will contact Nancy Martin if they need more information or assistance for the Warner easement.
2. Approve Minutes- March 3, 2024 – minor edits recommended. With these corrections, the minutes were approved.
3. WCC Re-appointments – The terms of Michael Amaral, Jackie Germaine, and Ken Cogswell are up by this year. A new procedure requires short interviews of those seeking reappointment with the Board of Selectmen (BOS).
4. Collins Donation – The deal is closed and final acceptance will require two public hearings to accept the gift of the property. The two hearings are May 14 and May 28 at the regular BOS meetings. Acceptance by the BOS is June 11. Recommended that WCC members attend the hearings.
5. Rodenticide Poisoning – The Town Hall has 3 bait stations of rodenticide to control mice and rats. The Town contracted with a pest control company to address the issue of rodents in the Town Hall. The WCC found out that the product, Brodifacoum, used is an anti-coagulant that affects other wildlife or pets that eat rodents who have ingested the rodenticide. Recommend a short paragraph in the Pillsbury Library newsletter informing Warner residents about the

impacts of using rodenticide. Michael Amaral will draft a letter to the BOS and draft a paragraph for the Library newsletter.

6. Natural Resource Inventory-Update, Nancy Martin, chair. Nancy received an update from Craig Tufts. Have updated FEMA maps, will reproduce several maps in the document because of changes to the flood plains.
7. Mountain Bike Trail on Mt Kearsarge–Update, Nancy Martin, chair. Received information from Arlon Chafee, the group is looking for someone local to shepherd the project. Suggestion for the WCC to walk the trail as soon as possible.
8. Housing Committee-Jackie Germain, update. Housing surveys closed last week, received 404 survey responses. The Forum was held April 30, 2024. Regional Planning did an introduction, broke out into 4 groups (rooms), had interactive activities and discussions within the groups. The Housing Committee will draft a report that eventually will be a chapter in the Master Plan. The report should be completed by end of June.
9. Economic Development Committee- Update, Nancy Martin, chair. Charlie Albano retired. The remaining Committee members decided to focus on the Community Center. Have engaged NH Central Regional Planning Commission to do a survey about the future purpose of the Community Center.
10. DES Resolution of Wetlands of No Violation for the Warren house in Davisville. No violation, the observed sand is natural erosion.
11. Agricultural Committee-Update, Michael Amaral. Sponsored a presentation of the history of agriculture past and present by Rebecca Coursor, last month. There is a new chair for the agriculture committee, the owner of the Lavender Farm, Mike Biagiotti.
12. Forestry/Wetlands permits – Nancy Martin, A cc'd copy of a request for more information from DES to a landowner proposing to develop 4 lots off of Kearsarge Mountain Road (Tax Mapp 33 Lot 18) was received by the WCC. The request highlights a number of missing or incomplete information.
13. There has been clearing on Annis Loop and Tom Pond Lane and residents have been asking about the clearing. Is a single house construction.
14. New Business – Susi von Oettingen participated in a Habitat for Humanity project in Warner last week. Suggestion that Warner residents participating in local Habitat for Humanity projects volunteer to collect recyclable material and take to the town transfer station. Warner is served by the NH Capital Region Habitat for Humanity, information can be found at: https://www.habitatconcordnh.org/?utm_campaign=HFHI_AffiliateSearch&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=habitat.org
15. Adjourned at 8:30 pm