

January 2, 2019 Conservation Commission Meeting

Nancy Martin, Michael Amaral, Phil Stockwell, Doug Allen, Susi von Oettingen, Scott Warren, Ken Cogswell.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

1. Approve November Meeting Minutes – passed with spelling corrections and clarifications.
Approve December Meeting Minutes – passed
2. Willow (Children’s) Brook Project – Needed to resign documents due to formatting error. Documents are all signed and in the hands of Five Rivers Conservation Trust.
3. Frederick’s property Map7: Lot 52
Review purchase and sales agreement – Susi will look at NHFG maps (via Granite) or Nature’s Network to see if there are state-identified wildlife areas or other habitats of interest. WCC will proceed with pursuing the acquisition of the property.
4. Knoxland Farm Equipment Easement – Stoney Ridge Environmental (SRE) Revised Plan
DES asked for more information regarding the impacts to the wetlands. The conservation easement is still in process, not finalized. Engineering plans were submitted by SRE to the WCC for review with a letter explaining that DES had requested additional information. WCC reviewed map of proposed conservation easement of 13 acres. Mike Amaral and Doug Allen will review SRE documents.
5. WCC Collaboration with Warner River Local Advisory Council (LAC) on I-89 Letter
Stephanie Monette was working with the LAC on the letter, but was not present at the meeting. Nancy will follow up with Stephanie.
6. Chandler Forest Cleanup
 - a. Nancy Martin followed up with the potential for a Kearsarge High School student to assist in the Chandler Forest Cleanup. The student will only be GPS’ing the trails throughout the Chandler reservation. The WCC is still seeking a volunteer to help rebuild interpretation signs (19 stations).
 - b. Suggested that the WCC reassess the trails in the spring because there has been some clean up already, to determine what more needs to be done. Possibly organize a work party to clean up the trails where needed.
7. Update DOT surplus riverfront lots
 - a. Map 7; Lot 1- no additional update on this project
 - b. Map 16; Lot 24 Communication with NH DOT – Nancy contacted NHDOT about this property, need to get notice resubmitted to DOT that the Town of Warner is still interested in acquiring the property. The WCC had the survey done, the survey identifies the old Route 103 on both ends of the property. No evidence that the road had been discontinued. Class VI status is noted on the map.

8. Friends of the Mink Hills on OHRV's
 - a. Proposed legislation submitted - Components of three proposed bills 1) protection of private property rights abutting potential OHRV trails, 2) abutters to be notified by certified letter, 3) public hearings to be noticed for proposed trails (need for transparency), 3) after public hearings the majority of the town needs to approve the route, 4) DRED (new name?) – will do an impact study to determine the economic and environmental impact of OHRV use.
 - b. Warrant article to discontinue Eliza Sanborn Trace – The Trace is really not passable due to growing wetlands. Is contained within one property. Selectboard would consider putting a warrant article before Town Meeting to propose the discontinuance.

9. Wetlands/Forestry Permits – Stephanie sent a spreadsheet that indicates no new applications/permits

10. Old/New Business
 - a. Maps of Warner's Conserved Land for Town Meeting – Last meeting discussed making maps for display at town meeting. Doug will do this to have in time for Town Meeting.
 - b. Add WCC to list of abutters on planning, zoning, building permit applications – propose to have the WCC listed as an abutter for those properties of which the town has easements or any easement (executory interest since the Town is the back up easement holder). Need to get agreement from the Planning and Zoning boards to get the WCC listed as an abutter that needs to be notified. Nancy will find out how to get the request to get the WCC notified as an abutter for any easements where the Town is the primary easement holder or has executory interest.

11. Adjourned at 8:07.