

Town of Warner, New Hampshire
Conservation Commission
Wednesday, April 2, 2025
Meeting Minutes

Warner Town Hall 7:00 pm
In person Meeting

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Public Attendees:

Liz Short, Executive Director, Five Rivers Conservation Trust

Meeting began at 7:05 pm

1. WCC members Oaths and Terms of Office
Nancy reminded members to complete the swearing in requirement.
2. Five Rivers and Blueberry Moon Berry Farm (Liz Short)
Liz provided an update on the finalization of the Blueberry Moon Berry Farm easement which closed on March 17, 2025. She explained the delays in approval and asked The Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) to provide a total of \$9,755.00 for the fundraising gap occurred. The WCC unanimously approved the funding. Nancy Martin will take the proposal to The Select Board for their approval of releasing the funds. A public hearing at a Select Board meeting will be necessary. Liz agreed to attend that meeting to provide financial details and an overview of the importance of the farm for Warner.
3. Approve Minutes- March 5, 2025
Minutes accepted which one spelling amendment
4. NRI Draft Update
Members reviewed the most recent NRI Draft.
It was suggested that a more robust section be included under Recommendations regarding issues of climate change, similar to the suggestions incorporated in the Deering, NH NRI document

Another suggestion was made to address and update zoning legislative mandates in the Recommendations section.

5. Mt. Kearsarge Mountain Bike Trail Update

No application for a permit has been filed. Discussion regarding a parcel of land that may be sold to the Forest Society ensued. Concerns regarding the use of that land were raised. The WCC agreed that walking the proposed trail would be helpful for evaluating the conservation impact of a bike trail.

6. CLSRT Rail trail- HEB engineering report for DOT

There has been no update on the engineering report.

7. Stream Monitoring

A training session for volunteers interesting in helping with the stream monitoring program will be held sometime in May, 2025. Contact Barb Marty at bmarty333@gmail.com if you are interested.

8. Forestry/Wetlands Permits

Two cutting permits have been received.

9. RAW Easement

This application for a 47-unit work force housing structure will be discussed at a public hearing during the Zoning Board Meeting on April 9, 2025. The proposed site is at Map 35 lot 4-3. An application of Special Exception as well as an Application for a Variance will be presented. There is a Conservation Easement on this property. WCC members agreed that attending the public hearing is important for clarification on the easement and proposed protection of this vital area.

10. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.