Town of Warner, New Hampshire
Conservation Commission
Warner Town Hall
June 3, 2026
In Person Meeting
MEETING MINUTES-Approved
Zoom meeting: *https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85055760896*
Passcode: 1234 Meeting ID: 850 5576 0896

Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) Members present: Jackie Germaine, Michael Amaral, Ken Cogswell, Doug Allen, Susi von Oettingen, Alice Chamberlin, Nancy Martin, Chair and Judy Rogers, Admin Asst

Members of the public present: Abby Strauss, Molly Sanders, Ed Micals, Barbara Marty

Via Zoom: Dawn Quirk

Meeting began at

1. Approve May Minutes – Minutes approved with a few corrections.

2. Kearsarge Mountain Bike Trail-Update – The current application for the Kearsarge Mountain Bike Trail was rejected by the Commissioner of New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Abby Strauss described a petition circulated in the town in opposition to the proposed Kearsarge Mountain Bike Trail. The petition was up for 2 weeks and received over 300 digital signatures and 150 paper signatures. The New England Mountain Bike Association may submit a revised proposal in the future. Alice Chamberlin suggested a conversation with the Kearsarge New Hampshire chapter of NEMBA. Alice Chamberlin suggested that Abby Strauss and/or Molly Sanders reach out to the Kearsarge Chapter of NEMBA for a meeting to discuss NEMBA future plans for a bike trail on Mount Kearsarge. Nancy Martin mentioned that William Clark, Sutton Conservation Commission would like to get Conseration Commission members in the Kearsarge region together to discuss the recreational use of Mount Kearsarge State Park.

3. Donation-Stevens Brook parcel Nancy Walton Map 18: Lot 09-1 – Mrs. Nancy Walton has offered to donate the parcel of 1.25 acres off of North Road. Map 18 Lot 09 is owned by the Town. There are unknowns in the deed and has been the primary reason for being unable to be sold. Both lots front on Stevens Brook. Nancy Martin suggests accepting the offer and merging the two lots. It would require funds to do title searches and a survey. Nancy Martin has been given the names of two title search companies to do the title search. Michael Amaral suggested that the lot first be reviewed by a qualified title company to determine whether it is worth pursuing (e.g. a secure title).

4. Holmes-McBride Boundary – On May 26, 2026 Robert Holmes gave a presentation to the Selectboard about the boundary dispute between him and his neighbors, Hannah and Benjamin McBride. Ms. McBride has hired a title search company to research her deed. Question – should the WCC resurvey the conservation easement on her property to determine the legal boundary of the entire conservation easement. Recommendation to get an estimate for such a survey to reconfirm the known boundaries. Nancy Martin contacted the Association of Conservation Commissions of New Hampshire for advice. Michael Amaral will communicate with the Attorney General's office to find a contact in the office who deals with deed restrictions and could assist the WCC in determining how to proceed.

5. An Invitation to Wonder- WCC Public Wetlands Screening – Nancy Martin has not heard back from Dan Morrisey, groundwater engineer, regarding a presentation. Recommendation to show the wetlands documentary in the fall. Nancy Martin will reach out to Nancy Ladd for a fall viewing at the library.

6. Exit 9 CATCH Housing and Conservation Easement – 34 units, proposed by CATCH Housing. The application was accepted with conditions (the application was not complete). CATCH offered a document to the planning board a "wildlife study". DES response was sent to Nancy Martin that listed best management practices but no conditions for a permit.

7. Forestry/Wetlands permits – There are several forestry/wetlands permits submitted.

8. Monitoring Town Parcels – Nancy reviewed the easement monitoring reports that have been submitted.

9. Communication – The WCC has 5 copies of the Natural Resources Inventory. Two copies to the Library, one as reference and one that can be checked out, one copy to the Town Clerk, one copy to the WCC files and one copy to the Simons Elementary Library.

10. New Business – Update on House Bills dealing with restricting second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (two bills stalled). On May 27, NH Audubon reported that the NH pest control board is proposing to regulate second generation anticoagulant rodenticides so that only certified, licensed applicators may use these rodenticides.

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.