



Town of Warner, New Hampshire

Conservation Commission

Warner Town Hall

July 1, 2026

In Person Meeting

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Zoom meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85055760896>

Passcode: 1234 Meeting ID: 850 5576 0896

Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) Members present: Michael Amaral, Ken Cogswell, Susi von Oettingen, Nancy Martin, Chair, and Peg Bastien, as Admin. Ass't

Land Use Coordinator – Peg Bastien

Members of the public present: None

Via Zoom: None

Meeting began at 7:00 pm.

1. Approve June Minutes – Bullet 4 re: the Holmes-McBride discussion will be revised. Minutes were approved based on the recommended revisions.
2. Mountain Bike Trail-Update Bill Clark, Wilmot Conservation Commission-Towns collaborate to keep Mt. Kearsarge natural. Peg Bastien suggested that if this collaboration became a formal group, that the chair of the board of the Kearsarge Ragged Sunapee Greenway, Scott Ellison, be contacted regarding potential formation of this group. Nancy Martin will contact Mr. Ellison and chairs of all of the adjacent conservation commissions to gauge their interest in forming a group to “keep Mr. Kearsarge natural.”
3. Holmes-McBride Boundary – Michael Amaral found a contact within the Charitable Trust Unit (CTU) within the Department of Justice. Nancy Martin discussed the boundary dispute with a staff at the CTU who asked to be kept apprised of the progress of the boundary dispute. For additional information regarding the responsibilities of the Charitable Trust Unit see the Charitable Trust Unit’s website at <https://www.doj.nh.gov/bureaus/charitable-trusts>.

After additional discussion regarding last month’s recommendation to consider resurveying the conservation easement boundary (less the disputed boundary), a recommendation was made that any conservation easement boundary survey will be further considered after the disputed boundary issue has been settled.

4. Exit 9 CATCH Housing & Dollar General / WCC Conservation Easement –
 - a. CATCH will present the project to the Planning Board at the July 6, 2026 meeting. The project may impact the conservation easement behind the project. The project has a new

developer who has not addressed issues raised by the WCC including ensuring a fence is built to separate the easement from the CATCH property, ensuring that runoff does not affect the easement, ensuring that the high density residential use does not impact the easement's natural resources by residents' pets (cats/dogs) accessing the natural area, or bootleg trails or other recreational uses within the area that would negatively impact wildlife. The plans for the project on the Town's website.

- b. Dollar General plans for another Exit 9 lot will also be presented at the July 9, 2026.
- 5. An Invitation to Wonder- WCC Public Wetlands Screening – No action taken yet to set a date to show the documentary about wetlands at the Warner Public Library. Nancy Martin will talk to Nancy Ladd about a potential date for the showing.
- 6. Forestry/Wetlands permits –Ken Cogswell has not heard from the Town about any new Intent to Cut permits.
- 7. Monitoring Town Parcels –Ken Cogswell will provide his report on the Carter/Kerrick easement to Nancy to upload to the WCC website.
- 8. Communications – There is a potential donation for 1.25 acres on Steven's Brook that abuts Town-owned land. However, the deed is problematic as it needs a number of people to sign off in order to clear the deed. At this time, the WCC does not recommend accepting this donation.
- 9. New Business – Discussion regarding the Town acquiring Turtle Crossing signs. Susi von Oettingen will follow up with Bradford and Sutton conservations commissions on where/how they acquired the signs and determined the placement. Ken Cogswell will look into a state turtle rescue league for additional information. The WCC will pursue turtle crossing signs over the course of the year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02.