



## WARNER RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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### MINUTES

Wednesday, 28 August 2024

7:00 p.m.

Pillsbury Free Library, Warner, NH

### Upcoming Meetings in 2024 & 2025

2024	2025	
<del>October 23, 2024</del>	January 22, 2025	July 23, 2025
NEW date: November 13, 2024	March 26, 2025	September 24, 2025
	May 28, 2025	November 19, 2025

**Appointed WRLAC Representatives** present in **bold** (term ends):

**Mickey Benson**, Warner ( )

**Marlene Freyler**, Bradford (08-16-2027)

**Rebecca Herman**, Bradford (09-25-2026)

Bob MacGowan, Webster (04-19-2027)

**Dan Morrissey**, Hopkinton (02-07-2025)

**Laura Russell**, Warner (04-01-2025)

Peter Savickas, Sutton (08-19-2025)

Christopher Spannweitz, Warner (11-26-2024)

The meeting convened at 7:08 PM.

#### New Business

1. Meeting minutes – Due to a lack of a quorum, the meeting [minutes for June 26, 2024](#), were approved conditionally. We will need to approve those minutes along with the August minutes.
2. Treasurer's report – No report
3. New permit applications

- a. One application, a dock replacement (wood to aluminum) on at 24 High Street, Bradford, on Lake Todd, has been shared with the Chair just for our information.
4. Other new business
- a. Tom Pond Annual Meeting – Chair Dan spoke about the WRLAC's mission and goals at the Tom Pond Association annual meeting. The information was well-received.
  - b. 2021 & 2022 Biennial LAC Report – Laura shared [a draft of the biennial report for 2021 & 2022](#) that is required to be submitted to NH DES. Several suggestions were made by the committee, and she will write a final draft.
  - c. Yearly election of officers – The Committee decided to **reschedule the October 23 meeting to WEDS, NOVEMBER 13**. Election of officers will happen at this meeting.
  - d. Future meeting dates – The Committee decided on the following meeting dates (all on Wednesdays) for the remainder of 2024 and through 2025
    - i. Reschedule the October 23, 2024 meeting to November 13
    - ii. **2025 meeting dates will be on January 22, March 26, May 28, July 23, September 24, and November 19.**
  - e. Update on public listening session about the rail trail in Warner – Thanks to Rebecca for attending the meeting on July 16, 2024. Sponsored by Friends of the Concord to Lake Sunapee Rail Trail, the engineering firm HEB presented information and answered questions and addressed concerns about the Exit 9 phase of the project from the approximately 20 people in attendance. Informational slides and a summary of the discussion can be found on on the CLSRT webpage; scroll down to "[7/18/24](#)".
    - i. The next public listening session will be in the winter. It is important for this Committee to weigh in. Committee members should read through the comments and slides (scroll down to "[7/18/24](#)") and send possible questions and/or concerns to Chair Dan by September 30.

#### Continuing Business

1. Continuing permit applications
  - a. Willaby Colby Lane – [DES Shoreland Impact Permit 2023-00434](#) approved on May 23, 2023 and amended on May 7, 2024. The sediment fencing looks well in place.
  - b. 60 Blaisdell Lake Rd, Bradford – A complaint was lodged for possible violations of wetlands rules (potential filling wetlands w/o the required permit(s)) at a residential property. DES's letter is dated [24 October \(DES File 2023-02826\)](#). Active restoration is now ongoing at this time.
  - c. 24 High Street, Bradford. [DES Wetland Permit 2024-02153](#) request for more information in letter dated July 30, 2024.
2. Miscellaneous Notifications
  - a. Notice of Intent to Cut, Chivers property Bradford, concerns about erosion and runoff into the Warner River – Letter sent to Ms. Michalides at NHDES June 3, 2024 requesting site visit. The request was denied. It was suggested that our concern be brought to the attention of the local forester, which Chair Dan has done.

- b. Division of Pesticide Control Application #24-280 for work on Rt 114 in Warner River Corridor in Bradford and Lane River in Sutton near RT 103 – [Email](#) sent to Mr. Bosiak requesting prevention of contamination at both sites, especially Lane River due to native brook trout population. Related to this discussion, a question was raised about whether NH DOT does, or could, use the same environmental BMPs as the utility companies use when they clear the brush in power line corridors.
- 3. [Instream Flow Project](#) – Chair Dan has talked to Wayne Ives of DES. Wayne is in the process of setting up meetings with dam owners and the Warner Village Water Precinct. Regarding water release tests, he hopes they will start soon. Their attempts to conduct tests earlier this year have been thwarted by rain events.
- 4. Public events – The [Warner Fall Foliage Festival](#) is October 11-13, 2024. Laura will ask Chris to confirm with Katharine that we can set up a WRLAC booth in the bookstore parking lot. Our associate member and Trout Unlimited volunteer, Greg Swick, and Laura will collaborate for this event. Please consider volunteering for an hour or two at the event; Laura will be in touch.
- 5. Future topics for discussion or ideas for invited guests.
  - a. Ask the [Warner Village Water District](#) commissioner Ray Martin to update the committee.
  - b. Ask a representative from the [Warner Hazard Mitigation](#) Committee to provide us with an update on the proposed updates to [FEMA flood maps](#) (In the search box, type "Warner NH".)
  - c. Review [Warner River Corridor Management Plan](#)

*Long-Term Monitoring*

<a href="#">FEMA Risk MAP Contoocook Basin</a>	<a href="#">Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail</a>
<a href="#">Warner River Water Management Plan</a> [successor to 2023's protected instream flow study]	Ballard Brook (Warner) Restoration
<a href="#">Warner Village</a> Rapid Wastewater Infiltration Project	Route 127 (Davisville) Bridge Replacement
VRAP Monitoring	

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Russell, WRLAC Secretary