



WARNER RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 23, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Lower Meeting Room, Pillsbury Free Library
18 East Main Street, Warner, NH

2025 WRLAC Meetings	
Weds, January 29, 2025	Weds, July 23, 2025
Weds, March 26, 2025	Weds, September 24, 2025
Weds, May 28, 2025	Weds, November 19, 2025

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

Mickey Benson, Warner (02-24-2028)
Marlene Freyler, Bradford (08-16-2027)
Rebecca Herman, Bradford (09-25-2026)
Bob MacGowan, Webster (04-19-2027)

Dan Morrissey, Hopkinton (2028)
Laura Russell, Warner (02-24-2028)
Peter Savickas, Sutton (08-19-2025)

Invited Guests: Barb Marty, Rett Weber
Members of the Public: Irene Weber

The meeting began at 7:00 PM

New Business

1. Barb Marty
 - a. Trout Unlimited/NH Fish & Game volunteer stream monitoring invitation/update - Data have been gathered for two of eight Warner River tributaries in Warner. Barb invited WRLAC members to contact her if they'd like to participate in any of the remaining monitoring activities.
 - b. Warner ZBA update – On June 25, the Warner ZBA denied CATCH Housing's request for a special exception. CATCH has 30 days to file an appeal (July 25 deadline). No more information at this time. The committee noted that recent changes in NH state legislation [informative article [here](#)] may change the role of zoning boards in determining special exceptions for developing workforce housing in commercial zones.

2. Rett Weber, Bradford Conservation Commission – Rett presented an [interactive digital map](#) that he built for the Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP) data after discussions this past year with Rebecca about VRAP's interactive mapping needs. It includes two years' worth of VRAP data, and he is willing to upload older VRAP data once he receives it. He explained the several different ways a viewer could organize the data. It allows a user to see data temporally and spatially to look at PH, dissolved oxygen, specific conductivity, temperature, and turbidity at 14 locations within the Warner River watershed. Dan was appreciative of Rett's work and noted that it would be very useful in tracking trends about the health of the river and raising questions for further study.
 - a. A question was raised by Dan about whether the TU/F&G data could be added to the interactive mapping. Rebecca explained her concerns as a trained VRAP member, a scientist, and a former EPA team member with doing so. She said combining the two sets of data would not be acceptable to her, as there are not any standards of quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) for TU/F&G's collection of surface water chemical and physical parameters (PH, dissolved oxygen, specific conductivity, temperature, and turbidity) presently. She provided a [written list of QA/QC criteria](#) which VRAP uses and which should be used for this project also.
 - b. She asked for the following to be entered into the minutes:
Rett created the interactive mapping for VRAP data. It would be great to have other groups contributing to the data set for the interactive mapping. But we need quality scientific data in the interactive mapping data set. Unacceptable data will degrade the quality of the data included in the interactive mapping data set. Acceptance criteria rules must be met in order for data to be considered quality scientific data that is suitable for inclusion in any interactive data mapping set. Data from NH Fish & Game (NHFG) groups will not meet quality standards (acceptance criteria) unless they commit to the following quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) rules to improve data accuracy and precision. She further noted that Although comprised of volunteers, VRAP groups are fully committed to the collection of quality scientific data for NHDES use.
3. Warner Village Water District - No update
4. [May 28](#) minutes were unanimously approved
5. Treasurer's report - No update
6. Local resident concern about possible unregulated run-off into the river from a Warner property, parcel 3-76, on Route 103E - Dan proposed that he write DES to notify them of the concern. The committee voted unanimously in support of this.

Old Business

7. Permit, ongoing - Alteration of Terrain for Route 103E Warner, [Map 7, Lots 39 & 39-1](#), MS Peacock Hill Road, LLC for "[Jennesstown Manor](#)," for two 4-unit apartments – No update
8. Instream flow - A March 2025 draft of the [Warner River Instream Flow Water Management Plan](#) is available for public review.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM. The next meeting is on Wednesday, September 24, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Russell, WRLAC secretary