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Webster Conservation Commission Agenda for Meeting 12 May 2021

Submitted by Dan Moran, Chair

**Reading of the Governor's Order for Public Meetings during COVID-19 crisis Roll Call
WCC members present.**

**Review and Vote on the Minutes of 14 April 2021-Sue Rauth. Thank you! Old/Continuing
Business- Board Secretary of the Month is Linda Clark**

1. Can we/should we create a list of trails in town that are available to the public? The WRLAC is interested in compiling such information from the towns along the Warner River (Sutton, Bradford, Warner, Hopkinton and Webster. Are there reasons to not do it? Who among us will volunteer to get to work on this?
2. Discussion of plans to promote Wetlands Ordinance to the citizens of Webster. I understand that The Planning Board is planning a vote on the Ordinance at their June meeting and a Public Hearing in September. Sue Rauth has resigned as Chair and has been replaced by Craig Fournier. There are two new members of the Planning Board, Susan Youngs and Adam Mock.
3. Discussion of responsibilities and procedures of WCC for "Intent to Cut" applications submitted to the Town of Webster.

Good Morning Dan,

Attached is the intent to cut for Mondays Select Board meeting (I may have sent this to you already). I also received a call from Wright Pierce Engineering they are the firm working with PVLDD on replacing the pipes on Concord Dr. Collin Stewart is the contact and he was asking if the Conservation Commission had any input. His number is (603)570-7123.

Thanks, Russ

See applications below. It is likely that cutting had already occurred. New Business-

Next Meeting 9 June 2021

WCC

2 messages

Linda Clark <lhoytclark@gmail.com>

Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 6:34 PM

To: Dana Hadley <dhadley@webster-nh.gov>

Webster Conservation Meeting Minutes June 9, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by Chris Shadler. Members present Chris Shadler, MaryJo MacGowan, Isabel Brintnall, Betsy Janeway, Linda Clark, Susan Roman, Alt.. Sally Embley, Michele Trembley Guest/ Susan Rauth

1. We will wait to approve the April minutes until the July meeting.
2. Due to Dan Moran resigning from WCC. We need a new Chairperson. Discussion for having a Chair and Vice Chair. All approved it was a good idea.
Chris Shadler is now Chairperson and Vice-chair is Isabel Brintnall
3. Sally Embley will become a full member instead of an alternate.
4. Select Board appoints members for the Warner River Local Advisory Board.
5. Rick Van De Poll's report for the Solar Array has been shared with WCC members.
6. Discussion of the WCC town website... Access to is done through Dana. Next SB meeting will discuss how to manage the WCC site. At our next WCC meeting it will be discussed.
7. Olivewood Map for Deer Meadow Road Solar Project.. WCC will look at the map at our July 14th meeting.
8. Wetland Ordinance: WCC and Sue Rauth discussed it.
The Planning Board will vote on June 17 whether to accept the paper work. Isabel and Sue Roman will have a work session to help WCC fully understand the ordinance. So we can better answer the town people's questions.
9. WCC will look over Ordinance papers and submit questions to ask Isabel and Sue by June 14th. WCC work session is June 23 at 4:30 in the Grange Hall.
10. WCC should try to attend the Planning Board Meeting on June 17th.
11. Linda will start working on Trail Maps. For the public: How to find our Webster Hiking Trails.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm All agreed.

Work session June 23, 2021 4:30pm in Grange Hall

Next WCC meeting July 14, 2021 7pm

Minutes by Linda Clark

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Linda Clark <lhoytclark@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 22, 2021 at 7:39 AM

To: Betsy Janeway <ecjway1@aol.com>, Chris Schadler <clschadler4100@gmail.com>, Isabel Brintnall <IVBrintnall@gmail.com>, MaryJo <Macgowan@tds.net>, "Michele L. Tremblay, naturesource communications" <MLT@naturesource.net>, Sally Embley <ssembley@gmail.com>, Sue Roman <sroman@tds.net>

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From: **Linda Clark** <lhoytclark@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Jun 10, 2021 at 6:34 PM

Notes from the 6/23 Work Session of the Webster Conservation Commission

Initial Plans for presenting proposed Wetlands and Water Protection Ordinance

Meeting officially called to order by Chair Chris Schadler at 4:58 p.m. Present were Isabel Brintnall, Linda Clark, Sally Embley, Betsy Janeway, and Mary Jo MacGowan. ,

Written information for town residents: Grapevine articles, flyers, possible mailer? (Chris has template she likes with lots of photos) A plain English, condensed version is needed to overcome the (required) legalese;. Fact sheets with FAQs, all stressing our goal of protecting Webster's existing land and water resources for the future.

Social media: Town Website can offer subscriptions to WCC topics; use town equipment to record interviews that can then be posted on YouTube) adopt basic Q and A format,

Tours of wetland areas (hire Bob Quinn to create a program!) ; invite abutters to visit specific areas and point out features (Isabel recommends the PictureThis app)

Contact CCs with similar ordinances (How did Washington's Lake Millard get residential buffers all around ?) NHACC may know.

Maps will be crucial for residents to see if and how they're directly affected. Goal is to be reassuring: Current uses are all grandfathered; the ordinance only pertains to future use.

Key issues to be explained: buffers (vs.setbacks) wetlands (vs. surface waters), farm ponds, intermittent streams, Levels 1 and 2, functions and values, and conditional use permits.

Time line to be determined., July and August will be critical since the Town Hearing will be held in September. There are ample resources in our budget at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

Recorder, Sally Embley

Webster Conservation Meeting
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
21 July 2021
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Attendees: Chris Schadler, Co-Chair, Isabel Brintnall, Co-Chair, Betsy Janeway (by phone), Linda Clark, Sally Embley, Mary Jo MacGowan
Absent: Michelle Trembley, Susan Roman

Agenda Item	Notes
1. Appoint alternates and discuss and vote on previous minutes	Meeting called to order: 7:00 Susan Roman is stepping down to an alternate Michelle wants to be a full member Sally made a motion Betsey seconded Unanimously voted Minutes for June were not yet approved Sally and Linda will resend minutes for works session and June meeting
2. Set up rotating secretarial schedule	We are finishing out the schedule that was already proposed
3. Non-Public under RSA 91-A:3 II(d)	Non-public meeting 7:00 to 7:28
4. Wetlands and Watershed Protection Ordinance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation to Select Board ○ Preparation for PB public hearing in September 	Planning Board public hearing on 9/16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Propose we present to the select board before the planning ○ Select Board agenda on 9/7 – 10-15 min ○ Presentation will be reviewed by WCC in August meeting
5. Wetland education program – action steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentation to public hearing ○ Educational walks in town ○ Brochure/pamphlet/FAQ ○ Presentation to elementary school/curriculum 	Sub-committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chris, Isabel, Sue Roman, Sue Rauth ○ Linda Clark* (MJ, Isabel) ○ MJ, Sally, Isabel ○ Betsy, Chris <p>*Michelle – bug nights Bob Quinn Nancy French Nature Groupie</p>

<p>6. Future Agenda Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DES “violations” re: solar project ○ PL property owner and wetlands issue ○ “Intent to Cut” process to address notifications ○ Recruitment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed correspondence from DEC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4/13, 7/14 letters Mr. Munro ○ Concerns about wetland filling – looks good as of 7/21/21 ○ Concerns about timber harvesting in or near wetlands but how can WCC express concerns? Isabel will contact Barbara Richter ○ Foresters help with volunteering, other volunteers
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Meeting Adjourned: 8:40?

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Mary Jo MacGowan

Amended minutes for 9/8/2021

1 message

Linda Clark <lhoitclark@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 14, 2021 at 8:37 AM

To: Betsy Janeway <ecjway1@aol.com>, Chris Schadler <clschadler4100@gmail.com>, Isabel Brintnall <IVBrintnall@gmail.com>, MaryJo <Macgowan@tds.net>, "Michele L. Tremblay, naturesource communications" <MLT@naturesource.net>, Sally Embly <ssembley@gmail.com>, Sue Roman <sroman@tds.net>

WCC Meeting Minutes of 9/8.2021

Present: Chris Shadler, Isabel Brintnall, Betsy Janeway, MaryJo MacGowan
Linda Clark, Susan Roman, Sally Embly Absent: Michele Tremblay

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

1. We all reviewed the minutes from April, June and July 2021.
July was amended to say..Chris will set up a secretarial schedule for us to follow.
A motion was made to accept the minutes for April, June, July. All agreed.
Note: There was no WCC (zoom) meeting in May.
2. Secretary schedule:
October: Betsy, November: MaryJo, December: Sally, January: Isabel
3. NHACC Survey. We discussed the questions and Sally filled out the survey.
Bioblitz is running for the month of September through the Nature Groupie from UNH ext.
4. Town Lots for sale to their abutting land owners, Windsor Terrace & Rumford Dr.
The lots will be merged and kept as natural land, undeveloped open space.
The Select Board had open bidding for the sales.
5. Susan Roman discussed the Wetland and Watershed Ordinance.
There is a Public Hearing on 9/16/21 with the Planning Board and WCC.
There is a powerpoint presentation, map and open discussion to explain the ordinance and help the public understand. WCC talked about how to help the public to understand what this ordinance will do for our town and it's water.
6. WORK SESSION for WCC 9/14/21 at 4:30PM.
To organize how to approach and educate the public at the hearing on 9/16/21.
7. Look on the Town Website and check out the Ordinance Impact Study, GZA, and Summary of Buffers and Bibliography.

Meeting Closed at 9pm. Next month's meeting October 13, 2021

Minutes respectfully submitted by Linda Clark

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Webster Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
 13 October 2021
 Webster Grange Hall

Present: Chris Schadler, Isabel Brintnal, Sally Embley, Mary Jo MacGowan

Absent: Betsy Janeway, Susan Roman

Guest: none

Agenda Item	
1. Appoint Secretary and alternates, if needed.	7:05 Called to order Roll call
2. Approve minutes from September (and October)	Deferred to next month
3. Easement Monitoring	MJ will find easement list and reach out to Betsy to work out a plan to get easement monitoring complete
4. Sale of town property at PLVD	New London Drive and Rumford Drive lots – motion to accept sale of lots to abutters passed unanimously. Chris moved, MJ seconded – passed
5. Review of FAQ document	We will be setting up an email address for the public to ask questions about the wetlands. Fee will be covered by the WCC. Address will be published on banner on town web site and in the Grapevine. <u>Wetlands@Webster-NH.gov</u> Motion to accept the FAQs as written (after adding the word 'legal' in first response) made by Isabel seconded by Chris – passed
6. Discussion of additional supporting documents on the Wetland Ordinance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Agriculture b. Grandfathering c. Buffers d. Variance – CUPs Procedure e. Other 	We discussed some of the more complex concepts in the ordinance and how we might better explain them to people who might be less familiar or comfortable with them. We will start with the following assignments. a. Agriculture – Mary Jo b. Grandfathering – Isabel c. Buffers – Chris d. Variance/CUPs – Chris will ask Sue Rauth
7. Education strategy to promote awareness of the ordinance	There was additional discussion about the types of educational materials the WCC could create to help to

	clarify some of the concepts and definitions as well as to highlight some of the benefits we believe would be gained. A subcommittee will look at the content, design, format, and delivery options for materials.
8. New Business	NHACC Zoom Conference – attendees should fill out paperwork and send it to Dana.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Mary Jo MacGowan

Webster Conservation Commission
Monthly Meeting Minutes
10 November 2021
Webster Grange Hall

Approved

Submitted Betsy.

move: Chris
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Present: Chris Schadler, Isabel Brintnall, Sally Embley, Mary Jo MacGowan, Michele Tremblay
Absent: Betsy Janeway, Susan Roman

Agenda Item	
Appoint Secretary and alternates, if needed.	Meeting called to order by Chris at 7:10 Sally volunteered to take minutes.
Approve minutes from September and October	Deferred to next month.
Recent Revisions to Wetlands and Watershed Protection Ordinance	Members present reviewed the November 4 iteration of the ordinance prepared by Craig Fournier, Chair of the Planning Board (PB). This draft contained substantial changes based on public comments made at two hearings (September 16 and October 11) as well as subsequent input from the PB and also from Sue Rauth and Isabel. One major addition was a helpful table summarizing whether and what type of permit would be required for particular uses. Isabel stated that, on balance, "the meat of the ordinance had not been disturbed." (Final changes reflecting the PB's November 9 work session will be posted on the town website.)
Boscawen-Penacook Water Precinct Property on Walker Pond	The Boscawen CC has purchased the shoreland property on the east side of Walker Pond, and now the Water Precinct is soliciting bids on parcels on the Webster side. The largest parcel (32.7 acres) requires a minimum bid of \$60,000, and sealed bids must be submitted by December 8. Chris proposed that the WCC use its Conservation Fund of approximately \$30k, plus substantial contributions from local donors, to make a bid on the property. It was decided that more information was required (e.g., legal title, need for town authorization) before a vote could be taken.
Easement Monitoring	The WCC is required to annually "walk the bounds" and report any changes in status for the eleven easements in Webster. Due to the heavy tick infestation, a decision had been made to wait for the first hard frost and /or after the hunting season. Monitoring reports to SPNHF are due by January 15. MJ is knowledgeable about all the easements and will retrieve the necessary red folders from the files.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: *Sally Embley*