

Agenda
Warren Selectboard
March 8, 2022
Warren Municipal Building & VIA Zoom
6:30 PM

6:30 PM – Nominate Chair & Vice Chair

6:35 PM – Public Comment

Lexi Leacock - Energy Check in

6:40PM –Michele Bennet's Dog

7:00 PM – Mask Mandate Review – Selectboard

7:15 PM – Road Access Permit for Peter C. Alfano III – West Hill Road

7:25 PM - Approval of Minutes for February 8, 2022, February 20 & February 22, 2022

7:26 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants

** 104,831.05 * 62,340.58*

7:27 PM – Other Business

Ongoing Projects:

Town Garage

ARPA Funds

VHB Parking/Pedestrian Project

Covered Bridge

Warren Falls

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Minutes of March 8, 2022

Warren Selectboard

6:30 PM

Warren Municipal Building

VIA Zoom or in person

Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Vice Chair, Luke Youmell, Chair, Bob Ackland, Camilla Behn & Devin Klein Corrigan.

Others Present: Jeff Campbell, Lexi Leacock, Ellie (TV44/45), Erika Nichols (VR), Jito Coleman & Cindi Jones.

6:30 PM – Meeting Called to order.

6:32 PM– Election of Chair and Vice Chair – Warren Selectboard – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to nominate Mr. Youmell as Chair, and Mr. Ackland nominating Mr. Cunningham as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

6:35 PM – Public Comment: - None.

6:36 PM – Energy Update – Lexi Leacock – Ms. Leacock wanted to update board on a grant from Rural Energy. She asked if the board was interested in possibly looking at another solar field or adding on to the existing. She also asked if the Town wanted to do blower tests again on town buildings to help the engineer in their work for HVACS and possible weatherization. The grant pays about 80% and the town would have to put in a 20% match. Ms. Leacock will do more research on the Rural Energy Grant and report back to the board. It would require a letter of intent in April and the grant is due in June. She also asked if the Town had a Climate Action Plan – Net Zero for the Town. Mr. Cunningham commented that it did not and ask Ms. Leacock to find out more information.

6:57 PM – Bennett – Dog Issue – Mr. Youmell started out with the steps that the Town has done regarding Ms. Bennett's dogs. Ms. Bennett was invited to a Selectboard Meeting on February 8, 2022 after receiving several complaints of her dogs running at large. The board gave her specific recommendation actions on how to control her dog. The dogs were reported running at large again and a letter was sent on February 10th to Ms. Bennett stating the consequences for ignoring this benevolent gesture as follows:

1) A fine up to \$500 2) Impoundment of your dog with associated fees until such time that Ms. Bennett's takes concrete steps to keep your dog on her property. Next steps: Mr. Youmell will discuss with Mr. Bifano on writing another letter to impound and issue a fine of \$250 to be hand delivered with a form that she signs showing that it was delivered in person.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to issue a fine in the amount of \$250 and impound the dogs if they are running at large, seconded by Mr. Cunningham. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7:05 PM – Mask Mandate – The board heard from Mr. Campbell's recommendation on this. Mr. Campbell commented that he felt that it was no longer necessary with case counts going down and with schools starting to drop the mask mandate, that businesses could chose whether to mask or not.

The board agreed to just let the Mask Mandate expire on March 10th, 2022 and not renew it. People and businesses can make their own choices.

7:24 PM – Warren Conservation Commission – Jito Coleman – Harmon Property – Mr. Coleman presented to the board information on the Brook Road Wildlife Corridor Project and deer yards as mapped out. The Harmon property would be a key part to this existing corridor and needs to be protected. A second piece of property is owned by Cathy Miller and sits on the easter flank of the corridor. Ms. Miller is willing to donate this piece of land with the explicit purpose of it being maintained as a wildlife habitat and corridor. Together these two pieces begin to build out long term protection for this critical corridor. There are two other parcels of land within the Brook Road corridor on the north side. An early task for the corridor subcommittee is to reach out to these land owners and engage with them on the values of the corridor and potential management plans that would improve and preserve the corridor.

Mr. Coleman spoke to Mr. Harmon about the wildlife protection. The property to the Conservation Commission is worth about \$20,000 to \$25,000 way less than what Mr. Harmon wants to list it for. Mr. Coleman commented that some people have reached out to donate to the cost of buying the land. He is in the process of seeing how to account and set up a 501C or a vehicle for these donations. The Conservation Commission is also working on a strategic Plan to educate landowners to enhance and protect the wildlife corridors. There are other corridors that are just as critical as this one. Mr. Cunningham inquired if anything was talked about for money? Mr. Coleman commented that the Selectboard are the ones to negotiate price with Mr. Harmon. Mr. Coleman will be researching how to set up the donation side for the parcel and will get back to the Selectboard.

7:45 PM – Approval of Road Access Permit for Peter C. Alfano III – Off West Hill Road – Mr. Cunningham visited the site and both site lines were good for entering onto West Hill Road and the road goes in flat off West Hill Road.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Road Access Permit for Peter C. Alfano III, seconded by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7:51 PM – Other Business –

Downtown Municipal Resolution Letter - Mr. Ackland commented the Planning Commission approved signing the letter and the Selectboard has to sign off as part of the grant requirement. Mr. Ackland commented that he worked on the grant and is applying for \$148,000 with a \$28,000 match that would come from ARPA funds if the Town is successful in getting the grant funding.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve signing the Resolution for the grant, seconded by Mr. Cunningham. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7:54 PM – Fire Dept. Check In – Jeff Campbell – Mr. Campbell started off with the Fire Department has been busy as they have responded to a lot of calls. As of last year, they had responded to 86 calls and have responded to 47 calls this year being a combination of propane/repeat offenders/car accidents, and down powerlines. In the just the first quarter of 2022 calls are up 41.4%. Last year at this time hours were at 527 and now are at 1000 hours for calls and training.

Things they have been doing:

- . Monthly Maintenance checks on all fire dept vehicles.
- . April – Pump class and Emergency Driving Course Class
- . Letters to repeat offenders
- . Knox Box Program
- . Hazmat/Outside Training Program
- . 75TH Anniversary Planning
- . Fire Dept. Website – 1 Side for Members Information and 1 side for Public Information.
- . Amendment of existing Fire Ordinance

The Board thanked Mr. Campbell for coming in to update the board.

8:11 PM – Town Officials Appointments – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the appointments as amended, deleting Mac Rood as Shingle Inspector, deleting Camilla Behn as TAC Representative, deleting Ken Friedman as Weigher of Coal and adding Lexi Leacock as Central Vermont Regional Town Representative, seconded by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:21 PM – Approval of Account Payable Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Accounts Payable for \$104,831.05 as presented, seconded by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.


8:23 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Payroll Warrants as presented for \$62,340.58, seconded by Mr. Cunningham. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:23 PM – Approval of Minutes for Feb 8, 2022, February 20, 2022 & February 22, 2022 –Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Minutes of Feb 8, Feb 20 and Feb 22, seconded by Ms. Klein Corrigan. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

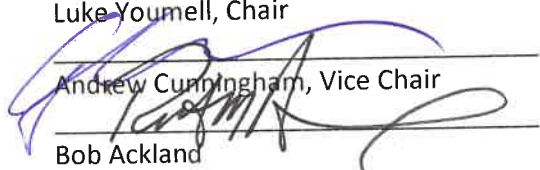
8:35 PM – Motion to adjourn by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator

The Warren Selectboard



Luke Youmell, Chair



Andrew Cunningham, Vice Chair



Bob Ackland

Camilla Behn

Devin Klein Corrigan

COVID-19 Report for March 8, 2022

Total Cases: 113,454

Cases statewide in the last 14 days: 2,135

Breakthrough Cases Total: **42,642** since Jan. of 2021 as of

Breakthrough Cases per Week: **948** for the last 2 weeks

Currently Hospitalized: 22 with 4 in the ICU

Recent Cases in Washington County in the last 14 days: 153

Cases per 100,000 – Past 14 Days: 263.2 Washington County is 7th highest

Deaths: 608

Death from Breakthrough Cases: **199** since Jan of 2021

Percent Positive 7-Day Avg: 4.2%

Total Tests: 3,397,272

Tested in the last 14 days: 56,819

Total Completely Vaccinated (Including Booster): 346,600 58% of Vermonters age 5+

Total Vaccinated: 481,700 population 5+

Overall Progress w/ at least One Dose: 5+ is 87%

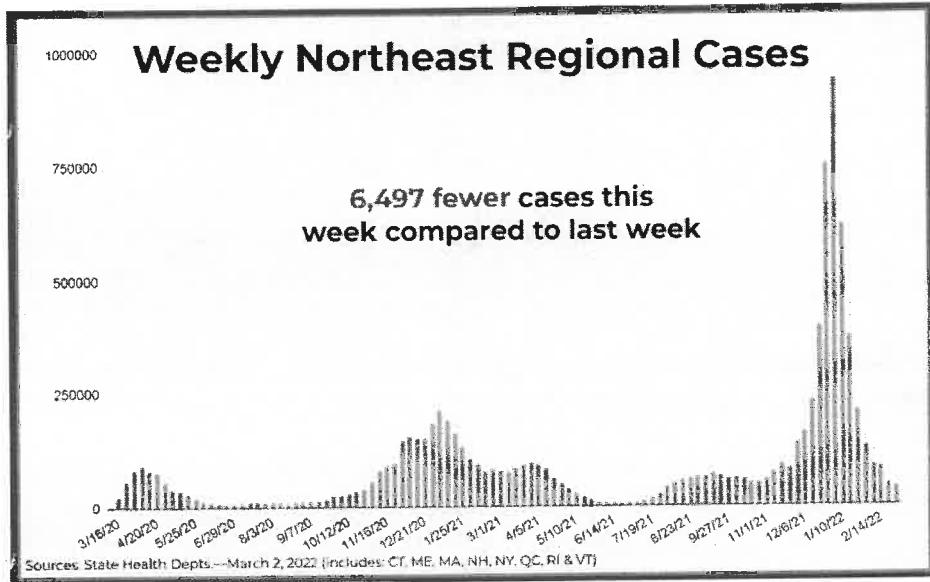
Washington County Progress w/ at least One Dose: 91% of the population 5+

Regional Numbers

- NY has 4,938,000 cases an increase of 27,000 cases
- MA has 1,677,000 cases an increase of 16,000 cases
- NH has 299,700 cases an increase of 6,000 cases
- Maine has 231,400 cases an increase of 10,000 cases

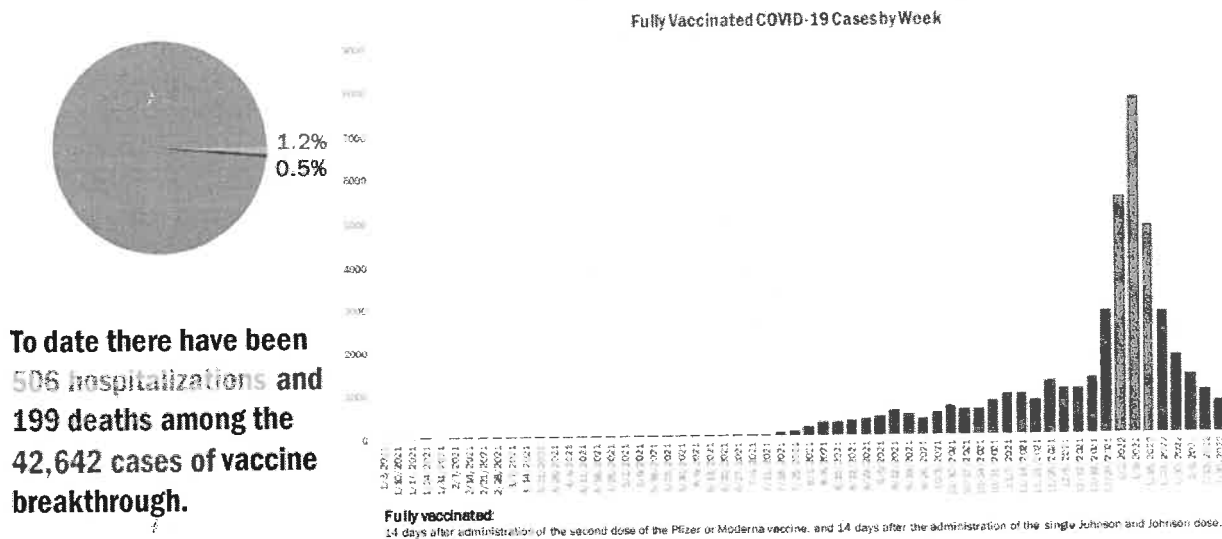
Regional Vaccination Numbers as of 3.8.22 5+ Population

- NY
 - Fully Vaccinated: 14,715,000
 - % of Population fully vaccinated: 75.6%
- MA
 - Fully Vaccinated: 5,357,000
 - % of Population fully vaccinated: 77.7%
- NH
 - Fully Vaccinated: 944,000
 - % of Population fully vaccinated: 69.4%
- ME
 - Fully Vaccinated: 1,054,000
 - % of Population fully vaccinated: 78.5%



Breakthrough Stats as of 3.8.22

Cases COVID-19 Among Fully Vaccinated Vermont Residents Since January 2021



Source: Vermont Department of Health, 2020-2022.

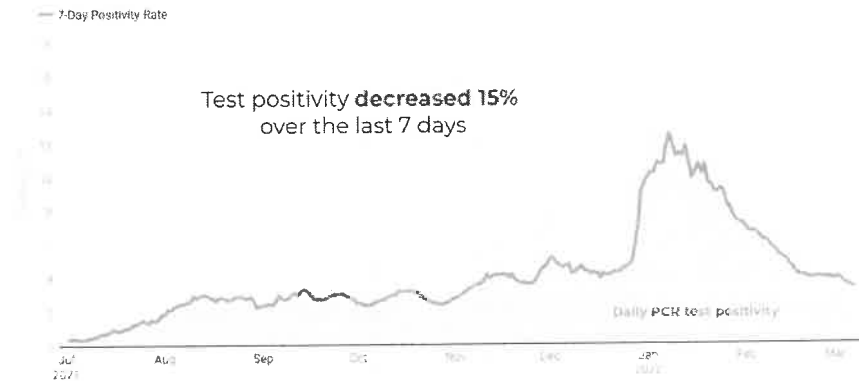
Cases in Schools, click below

[COVID-19 Cases in Vermont K-12 Learning Communities While Infectious.](#)

Testing

- Testing continues to happen throughout the state.
- Testing continues to be offered almost daily in Waterbury, Middlebury, Northfield, Montpelier and Berlin. Locations can be found at the [VT Dept of Health Testing](#) site.
- Rapid Test are available thru the Federal Government, limit of 4 per household

Vermont PCR Test Positivity



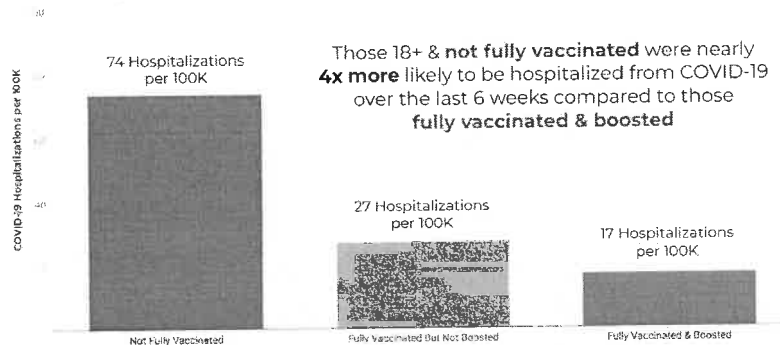
Source: VDH—March 8, 2022; created with Datawrapper

Vaccination Planning

- Anyone now 5 years and older are eligible for the vaccine
- Those 18 and up are eligible for the booster from Pfizer, Moderna or J&J
- Walk-in Clincs continue to be available daily, locations can be found on the [VT Dept of Health](#) site.

COVID-19 Hospitalizations By Vaccination Status Per 100K

Measured Among Vermont's 18 & Over Population Over the Last 6 Weeks



Source: VDH - March 5, 2022; created with Datawrapper

Vermont CDC Vaccine Scorecard

Vaccine Metric	Ranking	Booster Metric	Ranking
Doses Administered per 100K	1	% of Fully Vaccinated w/ booster dose	1
% At Least 1 Dose (5+ Population)	1 (tied)	% of Fully vaccinated 12+ w/ booster doses	1
% Fully Vaccinated (5+ Population)	2	% of Fully vaccinated 18+ w/ booster doses	1
% At Least 1 Dose (Full Population)	3	% of Fully vaccinated 65+ w/ booster doses	3
% Fully Vaccinated (Full Population)	2		
% Fully Vaccinated (65 & Over)	1 (tied)		

Source: CDC—March 8, 2022—New Hampshire excluded due to data anomalies

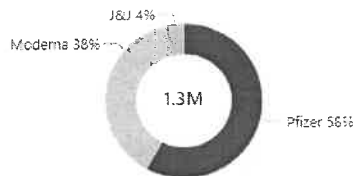
For More Information on the Vaccination Data, [Click here for more information.](#)

Vermont Vaccination Data

Updated 03/07/2022 12:09 PM

Overall Statewide By County By County - Additional

Doses administered



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Type	Doses	% of total
J&J	48.6K	4%
Moderna	483.9K	38%
Pfizer	733.8K	56%
Unknown/Other	1.2K	0%

Doses administered reflects the total number of doses that have been given to people in Vermont, or were reported to Vermont. For example, we may receive the report of a Vermont resident who was vaccinated in New Hampshire at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

Source: Vermont Immunization Registry

Vermont Vaccination Data

Updated 03/07/2022 12:09 PM

Overall Statewide By County By County - Additional

People vaccinated

Up to date

Completed

Additional dose

At least one dose

517.9K

87%

At least one dose % of Vermonters age 5+ who have received at least one vaccine



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Percent of the statewide population age 5+ of each subgroup that has received at least one dose of vaccine

Age	%	Race	%
5 - 11	81%	Asian	30%
12 - 17	78%	Black or African American	34%
18 - 29	70%	Native American, indigenous, or First Nation	28%
30 - 39	93%	Pacific Islander	27%
40 - 49	89%	Two or more races	34%
50 - 59	88%	White	85%
60 - 64	95%		
65 - 69	100%		
70 - 74	100%		
75+	100%		

Ethnicity	%	Sex	%
Hispanic	100%	Female	89%
Not Hispanic	83%	Male	85%

Race/Ethnicity	5-11	12-30	31-64	65+	Age 5+
BIPOC	61%	80%	96%	100%	88%
Non-Hispanic White	58%	68%	86%	100%	83%

Source: Vermont Immunization Registry, US Population Estimates (2019)

Data notes

Statewide numbers and percentages are capped at 100%. To protect the identity of individuals, data is suppressed when there are fewer than six people vaccinated in a subgroup.

Race information is not reported for 3% of people vaccinated.

Race/ethnicity information is not reported for 4% of people vaccinated.

Ethnicity information is not reported for 4% of people vaccinated.

BIPOC refers to Black, indigenous, and people of color.

Sex information is not reported for 0.5% of people vaccinated. The categorization of male/female for some people is based on sex assignment at birth, while for others, it is based on gender. This is due to the varying sources and ways the information is reported.

Sex not reported may mean the provider did not collect that information, the patient did not provide it, or the provider or the patient selected a category other than male or female.

Data on this page is sourced from the Vermont Immunization Registry and therefore may differ from data reported by the CDC.

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Ms. Michele Bennett
PO Box 336
Warren, VT 05674

2/10/2022

Re: Wandering Dog

Ms. Bennett the Selectboard has been advised that your dog is running free in your neighborhood. It has recently received a picture of your dog and another on your neighbor's, Pam Lerner, property. We have also heard complaints of your dog wandering without proper human supervision on West Hill Rd.

At a select board Town meeting, which you attended regarding your dog's wandering habits you committed to take steps to stop this behavior. You were in violation of the Town's Dog, Wolf Hybrid and Other Domestic Pets Ordinance.

It appears you have not taken the steps you committed to.

Ms. Bennett, beside your dog being on your neighbor's property which violates their property rights, your dog wandering on the road is a further violation of the Town's Dog Ordinance.


Your dog be on the road puts him/her in harm's way in danger of injury or worse. At this time of year rapid stopping makes the situation more dangerous for your dog due to longer stopping distances. And, more perilous for the driver who may slide off the road or crash to avoid your dog.

Please, have consideration for your dog and the unfortunate driver that may injure your dog through no fault of their own.

At the February 8th Selectboard meeting the board agreed to give you one more warning. The consequences for ignoring this benevolent gesture can be:

- A fine up to \$500
- Impoundment of your dog with associated fees until such time that you take concrete steps to keep your dog on your property.

Please understand the Board does not like to take punitive measures to correct behavior contrary to town ordinances, however it will if you chose not to heed our warning.

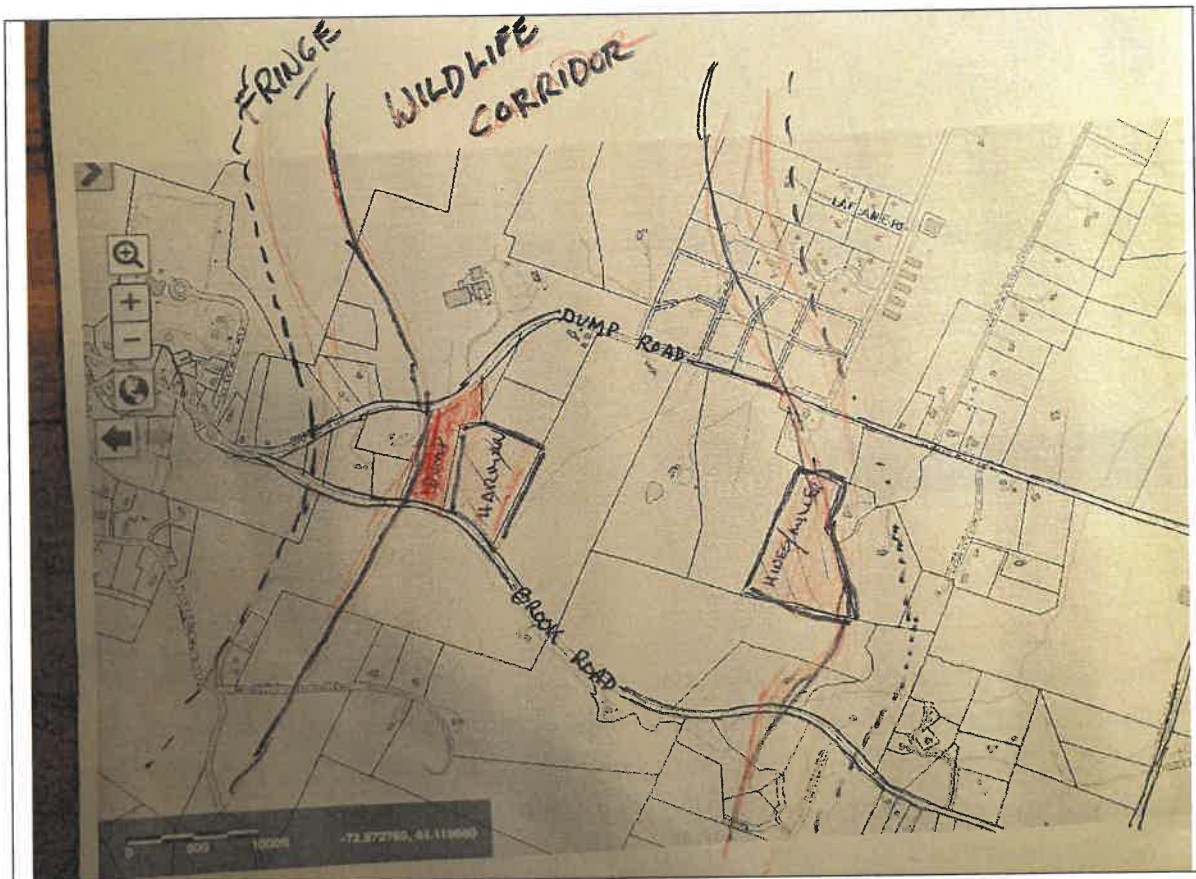

Gene Bifano

Dog Warden, Town of Warren

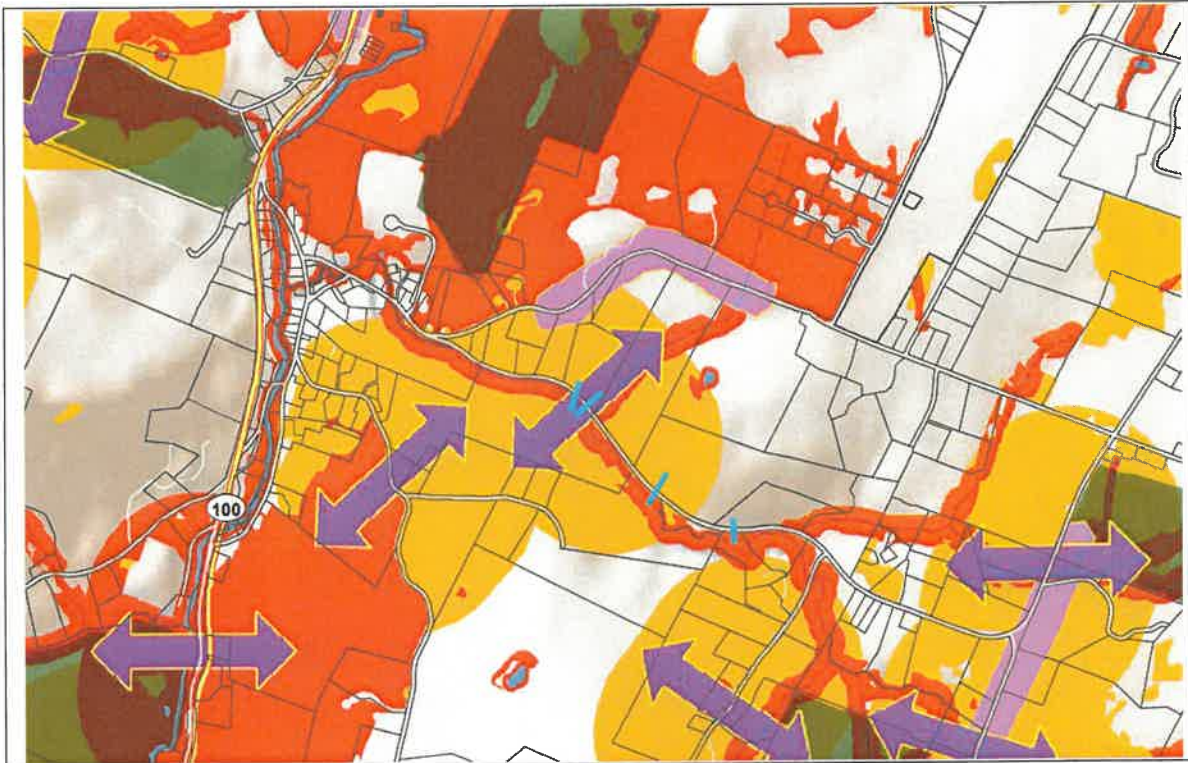
Brook Road Wildlife Corridor Project

The Brook Road Wildlife Corridor currently provides an easy north-south and east-west connection for wildlife movement. The corridor has been identified by the WCC and Arrowwood Consulting as playing a critical role in wildlife movement to and from core habitats in Warren.

In 2019 the WCC placed highways signs on the Brook Road roughly marking the corridor. In this year a parcel of land on the western edge of the corridor, adjacent to the old Warren Town dump is being prepared for the market. The Harman Property is a key part of this existing corridor and needs to be protected.



A second piece of property owned by Cathy Miller sits on the eastern flank of the corridor. Cathy is willing to donate this piece of land with the explicit purpose of it being maintained as wildlife habitat and corridor.



The following map shows the deer yards as mapped by ANR for the Brook Road area of Warren.

