

Town of Warren
Conservation Commission
Hybrid Zoom Mtg /Warren Public Library

Jan. 10, 2023

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm

In attendance in person: Carolyn Schipa, Jim Edgcomb, George Schenk, Jito Coleman, Jonathan Clough and guest Stan Walker.

Via Zoom: Amy Polaczyk

Update from Trails Committee: project continues via two working groups: Ecological Integrity and Trails and Recreation. Laura Arnesen sits on both and Emily is the hired facilitator.

Update from Bear group: Working to get the head of the bear rehabilitation facility in Lyme, NH for spring meeting

Knotweed update: Tri-Town efforts being pursued. Looking for more grant funding. Intern and PM job descriptions to be posted on HandShake (university centric intern hiring application.)

Wildlife Corridor Program: Stan presented details on the planned Preserving Wildlife Corridors presentation set for Feb. 16th at the Big Pic in Waitsfield. Details are being worked out with Tri-Town CC. Organization activity for the event will be shared. Support to help set up at about 6 pm on the 16th is needed.

A second meeting in the fall with Ethan Tapper is being pursued with Stan leading the effort. It would be a follow on of the Corridor work with focus on forest management for climate change and corridor enhancement.

Getting a Zoom microphone and speaker is critical to these hybrid meeting and although the Town already owns one, it is in use on Tues nights by the SelectBoard, so the CC should buy another. Follow up call to Cindi needed.

Annual Report by CC was reviewed and comments are coming in. Due to Cindi this week. A request for additional \$30,000 contribution into the Warren Conservation Fund at the Town Meeting was submitted. The Town budget already has a \$20,000 contribution in it, so if both pass at Town Meeting this year the total contribution will be \$50,000.

Warren CC website work in continuing with Avery Montgomery pulling pieces together. Subcommittee Member have been reviewing documents, photos etc in prep for inclusion into website. Michael Ketchel has been helping. Goal is to have site up this Spring. Jonathan Clough has been added to the SubCommittee.

CC went into Executive Session at 6:40pm with Stan Walker being excused. Came out of Executive Session at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned 7:02 pm.

Next hybrid zoom meeting 5:30 pm Feb. 21, 2023 at Warren Library