

Warner River Nomination Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 16, 2015
Warner Town Hall, 5 East Main Street, Warner, NH 03229
7:00pm

1. Call to Order and Introductions

- a. Review of what was discussed at the last meeting

2. Review Proposed River Classifications

- a. Maps showing the proposed RSA classifications of the Warner River are reviewed. The delineations are named tributaries of the Warner River.
- b. Peter Ladd's email expressing his concern for what these classifications, and the passing of the river nomination, might mean for property owners with river frontage.
 - The Committee reviewed these concerns and the classifications of the RSA. The goal of the River Nomination is not to limit future plans for the river, but rather create a council that will be able to review future developments. There are few new regulations that would be put into place with the passing of the nomination that do not already exist. The council is intended to be advisory, not regulatory. The known exception to this is the regulations regarding dams in rural community sections--this must be reviewed further, Consult the RSAs.

3. Review Town Specific Master Plan Data/Recommendations/History

- a. Questions were expressed about the future of the Bridge that once spanned the River at East Roby District Road. This bridge is currently closed to vehicles.
- b. Mill development in Warner was discussed as well as the role of industry in the greater region.
 - Deregulation of the river during the industrial revolution led to the demise of Salmon, and perhaps other anadromous fish, in the river north of the Mills on the Merrimack.
 - Wild trout remain above the mills and throughout the Warner River Watershed.
- c. Further mapping, such as wetlands, was discussed
- d. Cotton refining along the warner was discussed (Harrison D. Robertson)
- e. Historic Warner as a holiday destination and ski town (Hotels, Trains, Tourists, etc.).

4. Looking Ahead

- a. The funds provided by the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund was discussed in regards to the project. These funds require an invoice by December 31st or they will be lost. These funds will cover the expense of mailers sent to riparian land owners.
- b. The committee estimates that 300 postcards for the notification of property owners along the river

5. Questions the Committee will seek to answer for next meeting

- a. Review of property owner addresses along the river. Bradford and Hopkinton are already collected, but the committee must research the addresses of residents in Webster and Warner.
 - The excel sheet with the data that exists so far will be sent out
- b. Are there any invasive species in the Warner River corridor?
 - Milfoil is present in Lake Massasecum
 - Japanese Knotweed is found in the river corridor
- c. River Access Points (for kayaking, fishing, swimming, etc.)
 - Davisville Creek, Lake Massesecum, North of Melvin Mills, Downtown Warner by fire station.
- d. What are the hill tract conservation parcels?
 - These parcels have a fair amount of land within the river corridor much of which is underwater recreation.
 - Owned by Fred Hill.
- e. Mineral production?
 - Were there any mines along the river?
 - What is the status of the quarry in Davisville?
- f. Do transmission lines cross the river in any area?
 - Webster into Hopkinton by Gamil's
- g. What further recreation activities are in the corridor?
 - Snowmobile trails
- h. Research that is being done in the river corridor
 - Fish and Game Catalog of Wild Trout
 - Insect research
 - Water Quality (This is specifically needed for the report)
 - Geology surveys were conducted by Charles Jackson in 1845 and Hitchcock in 1870s
- i. Historic Forests
 - What timber production was there in the area?
 - Are there any old growth stands in the forests along the river
 1. Blackgum swamp was mentioned
- j. Was the river's natural flow disrupted during the construction of i-89?
 - Stevens Brook was moved, unknown if River was.
- k. Background on the Fall Foliage Festival is needed.

6. New Meeting Date

- a. January 20th, 2016.