

New Hampshire Department of BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS



New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

MEMORANDUM

TO:

CORD Members and Other Interested Parties <i>Via Email Distribution Lists (Bcc)</i>	Grafton County Board of Commissioners c/o Ms. Julie Libby, County Administrator 3855 Dartmouth College Hwy. North Haverhill, NH 03774
	Via Email (<u>jlibby@co.grafton.nh.us</u>)
Town of Warren C /o Mr. Austin Albro, Town Administrator PO Box 40 Warren NH 03279	Michelle Moren-Grey, Executive Director North Country Council 161 Main Street Littleton, NH 03561
Via Email (<u>administrator@warren-nh.com</u>)	Via Email (<u>mmoren@nccouncil.org</u>)

FROM: Stephanie N. Verdile, Principal Planner, Office of Planning and Development

DATE: December 15, 2022

SUBJECT: State Owned Land, Surplus Land Review, Warren, NH 2023 SLR 002

RESPONSE DEADLINE: Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Please review the attached information to determine if your organization has any interest in this transaction. If there is an interest, please provide this office with any comment(s) in writing by the response deadline indicated above. Responses may be emailed to stephanie.n.verdile@livefree.nh.gov

Information regarding CORD and its meetings may be obtained at: <u>https://www.nh.gov/osi/planning/programs/cord/index.htm</u>.

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& 603.271.2341

The State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner



November 18, 2022

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Commissioner Taylor Caswell NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs Chair, Council on Resources and Development 100 North Main Street, Suite 100 Concord, NH 03301

Re: Transfer of Weeks Crossing Dam and Associated Property and Easements to the Town of Warren

The Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) proposes to transfer ownership of the Weeks Crossing Dam and associated property and easements to the Town of Warren. The dam is a 113-foot-long, 14-foot-high concrete structure with earth abutments, and the associated property and easements total 0.42 acres. The dam and property are located on Black Brook off Gould Hill Road in Warren.

On July 1, 2017, the state-owned Weeks Crossing Pond Dam in Warren, which was formerly owned by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG), was destroyed during a flooding event. The flood event was declared a major disaster (FEMA-4329-DR-NH) under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) for the State of New Hampshire on August 9, 2017, making the state eligible for federal financial assistance to reconstruct the dam. The impoundment formed by the Weeks Crossing Dam provided the Town of Warren with a water supply for fire protection and a wildlife recreation resource for fishing, boating and swimming. For that reason, the Town of Warren and NHFG agreed that, if the state would rebuild the dam with federal assistance, the Town would take ownership of the dam, as well as responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the dam. This request is to fulfill that agreement and transfer ownership and responsibility for the liability and the operation and maintenance of the dam from the state to the Town of Warren.

NHDES is responsible for the repair and reconstruction of state-owned dams and operates and maintains the dams owned by NHFG. To facilitate the transfer of the reconstructed dam to the Town of Warren, NHDES acquired NHFG's property rights associated with the dam, as approved by the Governor and Executive Council on May 20, 2020 (Item #42), which conditioned that acquisition on the ultimate transfer of the property to the Town of Warren. In addition, because the footprint of the reconstructed dam needed to be larger to meet current dam safety standards, NHDES acquired additional property and easement rights from the two adjacent property owners to construct and maintain the dam in the future. This property acquisition was approved by the legislature, as required under RSA 482:44, by enactment of Chapter 195:1 of the Laws of 2019, and approved by the Governor and Executive Council on February 5, 2020 (Item #41).

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NHDES completed the reconstruction of Weeks Crossing Dam in the fall of 2021, with 75% of the funding provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in disaster relief funds from the federally declared disaster. Now that the reconstruction of the dam is complete, NHDES is seeking to transfer ownership of the dam and the property and easements needed to operate and maintain the dam to the Town of Warren.

Please submit this proposal to the Council on Resources and Development (CORD) for review at its next meeting. If you have any questions, please contact either Corey Clark at (603) 271-8871 or Patrick Bell at (603) 271-1960.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Scott Commissioner

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Stephanie N. Verdile, Principal Planner, Office of Strategic Initiatives

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 227-C:9.

Members of the Public Water Access Advisory Board are asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 233-A.

The Lakes Management and Protection Program, through the Rivers and Lakes Program Coordinator, is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 483-A:5, II.

The Rivers Management and Protection Program, through the Rivers and Lakes Program Coordinator, is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 483:8, VII and 14.

Council on Resources and Development REQUEST FOR SURPLUS LAND REVIEW ACTION

Name of Requesting Agency: New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

Agency Contact Person: Address: Phone Number: E-Mail:	Corey J. Clark, P.E. 29 Hazen Drive, P O Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095 603-271-8871 Corey.J.Clark@des.nh.gov
Applicant Contact Person: Address: Phone Number: E-Mail:	Patrick L. Bell, LLS 29 Hazen Drive, P O Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095 603-271-1960 Patrick.Bell@des.nh.gov
Location of Property:	Gould Hill Road, Warren NH Tax Map 221, Lots 17 & 18
Acreage:	Total Easement area = 18097.0 sq. ft. or 0.42 acres
Requested Action:	Surplus to the Town of Warren
Term of Lease or Easement:	Perpetual

Please complete ALL questions below, submit one digital copy, one hardcopy with original signatures, and three photocopies of the completed application to:

NH Bureau of Economic Affairs NH Office of Planning & Development 100 North Main St, Suite #100, Concord, NH 03301 Attn: Stephanie N. Verdile, Principal Planner <u>stephanie.n.verdile@livefree.nh.gov</u>

1. What is the current use of this property?

A state-owned dam impounding an 8-acre pond

2. What is the proposed use of this property if surplused? Please note if proposed use is intended to create a public benefit.

The property will continue its current use. The dam will become a town-owned dam, and its impoundment will continue to provide the public benefits as a water supply for fire protection and as a wildlife management and recreation resource for fishing, boating and swimming.

- - a. If yes, is it consistent with adjacent and existing development? 🗌 Yes
 - b. Please describe how the proposed new development differs from or is similar to its surroundings. Also indicate how it may initiate a future change in the use of the property or its surroundings.
- 4. Are there any structures located on this property? 🛛 🖓 Yes 🗌 No

a. If yes, please describe the structures including how many and what kind?

A concrete dam.

5. Are there historical architectural or archaeological resources identified on this site? CORD Weeks surplus-land-application 2022 Pag

ΠNO

		Yes	🛛 No
a	If yes, describe the resource(s)?		
b.	If no, contact the NH Division of Historical Resources prior to c	ipplication su	bmission.
ls th	nere any existing development or structures on adjacent sites	? 🛛 Yes	🗌 No
	If yes, describe the use and number of structures of adjacent If no, where is the nearest development? (Describe distance,		mber)
	There is a summer home located on the shore of the impound round/summer homes and cabins in the immediate vicinity. T pond is generally privately owned and undeveloped. The imp property owned by the United States Department of Agricultu White Mountain National Forest (WMNF).	he land surro poundment is	unding the also within
Doe	es the site represent the entire state property in this location?	🛛 Yes	🗌 No
a.	If no, please describe its relationship to the entire state holdin acreage, percentage of overall rail length, etc).	g (percentaç	ge of total
ls a	ccess to this property available?	🛛 Yes	No
	If yes, how is the site accessed? (from rail, water, across appli	cant's prope	erty, etc)
	Access to the property is from Gould Hill Road		
h	If yes, is there a potential for public access interruption?	Yes	 ∏ No
	there water resources related to this property, such as:		
	es/Ponds - 🛛 Yes 🗌 No 🛛 <u>OR</u> Rivers - 🗌 Yes 🗌 No <u>OR</u> V	Wetlands - 🗌] Yes 🗌 No?
a.	If yes, please indicate the size or extent of such resources.		
	Weeks Crossing Pond is an 8-acre impoundment.		
b.	If yes, briefly describe how the requirements of RSA 483-B (Sho Protection Act) apply to potential development of this prope		er Quality
	Since the impoundment has an area of less than 10 acres, the B (Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act) does not apply to		
с.	If yes, briefly describe how any municipal zoning requirement from lakes, rivers or wetlands apply to potential development		
	There are no municipal zoning requirements for buffers or sets property	backs that ap	pply to this
d.	Is the property within 250 feet of a lake/pond or river/stream?	🛛 Yes	No
e.	If lakes or rivers are related to this property, describe current prom the site to the water body? \square Public \square Private		ate access s Available
	Description: Public access is via Gould Hill Road and over the dam, and private access is through private property abutting		
г. -	How would the proposal affect the appears opportunities does		
f.	How would the proposal affect the access opportunities desc	cribed in es	
d. e.	Is the property within 250 feet of a lake/pond or river/stream? If lakes or rivers are related to this property, describe current p from the site to the water body? Public Private Description: Public access is via Gould Hill Road and over the	oublic or prive No Acces	s Av itme

10. Please identify any other significant resources or sensitive environmental conditions known to be located on or adjacent to this property.

	Y	'es (pro	oerty)	Yes (adjac	ent p	oroperty)	No
a.	Steep slopes	D]		\bowtie		
b.	Wetlands (Prime and NWI)	D]		\boxtimes		\boxtimes
c.	Threatened or endangered species	D]		\square		\boxtimes
d.	Wildlife Action Plan Critical Habitats	[]				\boxtimes
e.	Increased impervious surface	[]				\square
f.	Potential stormwater flow changes	[]				\boxtimes
g.	Agricultural soils of prime, statewide, or						
U	local importance	[]				\boxtimes
h.	Potential river channel change	[]				\boxtimes
i.	Other special designations	[]				\square

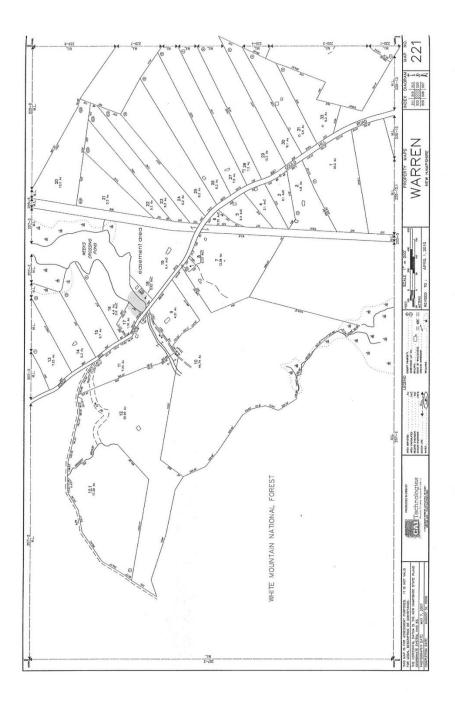
Please provide a description for any "yes" responses to question #10.

- a. The area is on Monadnock and Hebron soils with slopes of 15 to 35%
- b. The wetlands consist of peatlands north of the property and a freshwater pond surrounded by a freshwater forest shrub and riverine wetland
- c. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has identified that the northern long-eared bat could potentially be in the area.

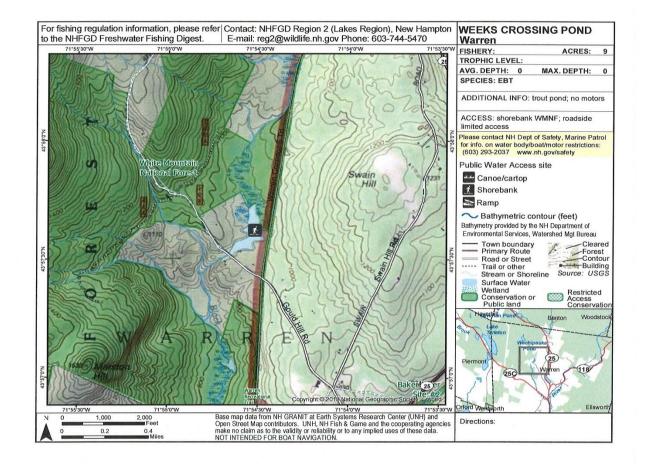
An Environmental Assessment performed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency determined that reconstruction and maintenance of the dam on the have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment on the property.

11.Attach photographs and maps of the property. Maps should highlight the requested property location and help to adequately place the property within the town.

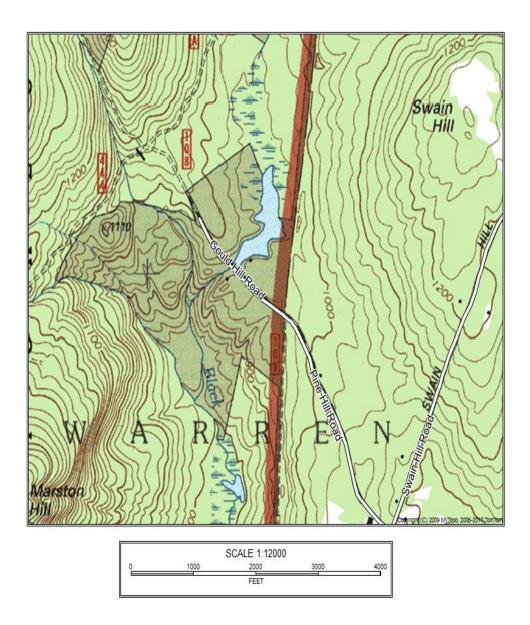
- a. Warren tax map showing all abutters see page 4.
- b. NHFG general Fishing digest map see page 5.
- c. USGS Map page 6.
- d. Easement Plan by NHDES page 7
- e. Photos of dam area pages 8-11



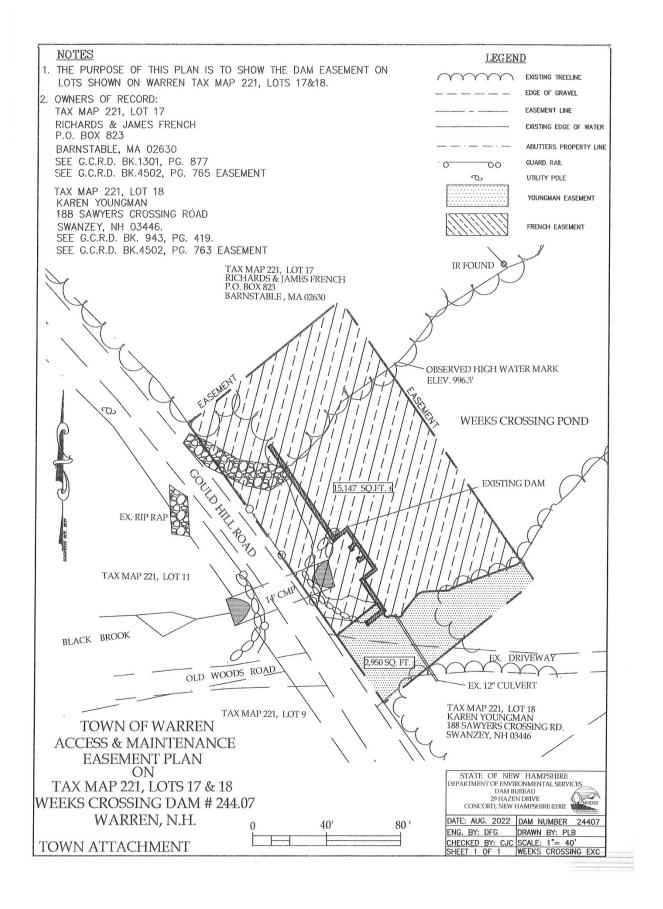
Warren Tax Map # 221 showing approximate easement area highlighted in gray.



NHFG general Fishing digest map



USGS Map



Easement Plan by NHDES for the Town of Warren

Weeks Crossing Dam Photos



Photo 1: Weeks Crossing Dam looking northwest before failure. 7/2010



Photo 2: Looking northeast at failed Weeks dam and washed-out Gould Hill Road in 7/2017.



Photo 3: At repaired Gould Hill Road looking northeast at former Weeks Pond.



Photo 4: At repaired Gould Hill Road and culvert looking northwest 10/2018.



Photo 5: New Weeks Crossing dam looking southeast 11/2021.



Photo 6: New Weeks Crossing dam looking northeast at Pond 11/2021.



Photo 7: New Weeks Crossing dam looking northwest at pond 11/2021.



Photo 8: New Weeks Crossing dam looking southeast at road 11/2021.

WARREN, NH TOWN MEETING MINUTES MARCH 14, 2023

Moderator Lesa Romano called the meeting to order and opened Town Meeting at 9:00am with the Pledge of Allegiance and a short moment of thanks and reflection given by Fred Delman.

Motion made by Donald Bagley Sr, Seconded by Charles Chandler to recess Warren Town Meeting and open the deliberative session of the Warren School District Meeting at 9:05am. Warren Town Meeting returned from recess and called to order by Moderator Romano at 10:40am.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF WARREN in the county of Grafton in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Tuesday March 14, 2023 Time: 9:00am Location: Warren Town Hall

Article 01 Election of Town Officials

To bring in your votes to elect all town officers which appear on the official ballot for the ensuing year, as follows:

SELECTBOARD	3 YR TERM – Shirley McCartin
TREASURER	1 YR TERM – Sheila Foote
TAX COLLECTOR	2 YR TERM – Maria Sanders
CHIEF OF POLICE	1 YR TERM – John Semertgakis
PLANNING BOARD	3 YR TERM – Jay Johnson
PLANNING BOARD	3 YR TERM – Tom McGuy
CEMETERY TRUSTEE	3 YR TERM – Marlene Wright
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	3 YR TERM – Donna Campbell
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS	3 YR TERM – Heather Sackett

Article 02 Hear and Accept Reports

To hear and accept the report of the Selectmen and other Town Officers and to vote on any subject relating thereto.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Donald Bagley Sr

Discussion: Permission to grant Town Administrator Austin Albro to speak at the meeting and answer and questions that may arise.

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 03 Adopt Floodplain Management Ordinance Amendments

To vote to see if the Town is in favor of adopting the revised Floodplain Management Ordinance as proposed by the planning board, necessary to comply with the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

Moved by: Charles Sackett

Second: Charles Chandler

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed by Ballot Vote (75 yes - 7 No)

Article 04 General Government

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred seventy-six thousand six hundred and fifty-two dollars (\$376,652) for the following:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

a. Executive	79,402
b. Elections/Registration	19,501
c. Financial Administration	26,966
d. Tax Collector	20,115
e. Assessing Services	20,000
f. Legal Expenses	15,000
g. Personnel Administration	35,501
h. Planning Board	600
i. Buildings & Grounds	81,810
j. Cemeteries	18,500
k. Insurance	59,006
I. Town Clock	250
m. Contingency Fund	1

Moved by: Donald Bagley Sr

Second: Sheila Foote

Discussion: Last year's budget was less than this year's and not all of the budget money was spent last year; an explanation was given why there is an increase in the budget from last year.

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 05 Advertising and Regional Associations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred and twelve (\$3,512) for the following: ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS a. Advertising 500 b. NHMA 1,137 c. North Country Council 900 d. Pemi-Baker Solid Waste 800

e. NH Assoc. of Assessing Officials	20
f. NH Tax Collectors Assn	40
g. NH Town Clerks Assn	20
h. NH Health Officers Assn	25
i. NHGFOA	70

Moved by: Arthur Heath

Second: Charles Sackett

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 06 Public Safety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirtythree thousand two hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$133,257) one hundred thirty-onethousand two hundred fifty-seven dollars (\$131,257) one hundred twenty-six thousand four hundred fifty nine dollars (\$126,459) for the following: PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Police Department	84,347 79,549
b. Fire Department	45,058 43,058
c. Emergency Management	3,501
d. Animal Control	1
e. E-911	350

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Donald Bagley, Sr

Amendment: To reduce line b.Fire Department appropriation by \$2,000 from \$45,058 to \$43,058 and reduce the total from \$133,257 to \$131,257. Moved by: Victoria Saucier Second: Charles Chandler Discussion: Reduction of \$2,000 will be offset and donated directly back to the organization by Appleknockers. Disposition of Amendment: Passed

Amendment: To reduce line a. Police Department appropriation by \$4,798 from \$84,347 to \$79,549 and reduce total of Article 6 from \$131,257 to \$126,459. Moved by: Robert Giuda Second: Charles Chandler Discussion: Money spent on OHRV enforcement is only billed to the town if a Fish and Game/OHRV Grant has been received to offset the cost. Disposition of Amendment: Passed

Discussion: None

Disposition of Amended Article: Passed

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred sixteen thousand two hundred ninety-two dollars (\$216,292) for the following: HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

64,360 60,000 3,100
3 100
0,100
19,631
30,000
8,500
500
200
1

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Donald Bagley Sr

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 08 Sanitation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-one thousand eight hundred twenty-nine dollars (\$61,829) for the following: SANITATION

a. Transfer Station Administration	24,698
b. Recycling	7,720
c. Solid Waste Collection/Compactor	26,810
d. Clean-Up/Monitoring/Tires	2,601

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Arthur Heath

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 09 Non-profits/Health

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirtytwo thousand six hundred thirty-six dollars (\$132,636) one hundred twenty-eight thousand five hundred eleven dollars (\$128,511) one hundred twenty-six thousand five hundred eleven dollars (\$126,511) for the following:

NON-PROFITS / HEALTH

a. Ammonoosuc Community Health Services (ACHS)4,500b. Warren Wentworth Food Pantry-950 1,200

c. WW Ambulance Services	105,000 103,000
d. Visiting Nurse & Hospice (VNH)	2,940
e. Grafton County Senior Citizens	2,500
f. Tri-County CAP	1,650
g. Warren Historical Society	2,500
h. Transport Central	500
i. Pemi-Baker Home Health & Hospice	4,099
j. Willing Worker's Society	2,500
k. White Mountain Mental Health	1,122
I. The Bridge House	2,000 0
m. Good Shepherd Food Pantry	825 0
n. Court Appointed Advocates	1,000 0
o. Voices Against Violence	550 0

Moved by: Arthur Heath

Second: Charles Chandler

Amendment: To increase b. Warren Wentworth Food Pantry from \$950 to \$1,200 and reduce line items I. The Bridge house from \$2,000 to 0, m. Good Shepherd Food Pantry from \$825 to 0, n. Court Appointed Advocates from \$1000 to 0, o. Voices Against Violence from \$550 to 0 and the total of Article 9 from \$132,636 to \$128,511

Moved by: Sheila Foote

Second: Robert Giuda

Discussion: Donation money being kept locally, selectmen submit to the voters all donation requests if the organization submits required report and documentation to the selectmen.

Disposition of Amendment: Passed

Amendment: To decrease c. WW Ambulance Services by \$2,000 from \$105,000 to \$103,000 and the total of Article 9 from \$128,511 to \$126,511.

Moved by: Victoria Saucier

Second: Charles Chandler

Discussion: Reduction of \$2,000 will be offset and donated directly back to the organization by Appleknockers.

Disposition of Amendment: Passed

Discussion: None

Disposition of Amended Article: Passed

Article 10 Welfare

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred and one dollars (\$3,501) for the following:

WELFARE a. Direct Assistance

a. Direct Assistance 1 b. Vendor Payments 3.500

Moved by: Donald Bagley Sr

Second: Charles Chandler

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 11 Culture and Recreation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-four thousandfive hundred ninety-eight dollars (\$54,598) fifty-three thousand five hundred ninetyeight dollars (\$53,598) for the following.

CULTURE AND RECREATION

a. Parks and Recreation	5,200
b. Library	39,548
c. Patriotic Purposes: Old Home Days d. Flags	9,200 8,200
u. Flays	650

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Arthur Heath

Amendment: To reduce line item c. Patriotic Purposes: Old Home Days by \$1,000 from \$9,200 to \$8,200 and total of Article 11 from \$54,598 to \$53,598. Moved by: Victoria Saucier Second: Charles Chandler Discussion: Reduction of \$1,000 will be offset and donated directly back to the organization by Appleknockers. Disposition of Amendment: Passed

Amendment: To appropriate \$650 (line item c-1) for Art Supplies/Materials to distribute for patriotic projects. (i.e. school, library, etc)
 Moved by: Justin Monninger
 Second: Charles Chandler
 Discussion: What Patriotic Purposes money is currently being spent on, Distribution of flags within the town, including flags on veteran's grave stones.
 Disposition of Amendment: Failed

Discussion: None

Disposition of Amended Article: Passed

Article 12 Conservation/Debt Service

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand nine hundred and forty-seven dollars (\$15,947) for the following: CONSERVATION a. Care of Trees 1 DEBT SERVICE Principal - Bonds & Notes i. 15.622 Interest - Bonds & Notes ii. 322 iii. Interest on TAN 1 iv. Other Debt Service 1

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Norman Roulx

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 13 ETF/CRF Appropriations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-six thousand nine hundred dollars (\$76,900) to be placed into the following funds. The Selectmen recommend this article by a vote of 3 to 0.

a. Fire Truck CRF	5,000
b. Highway Building Fund CRF	15,000
c. Highway Equipment CRF	5,000
d. Police Cruiser CRF	5,000
e. Missile CRF	200
f. Bridges CRF	2,500
g. Town Hall CRF	2,000
h. Paving Fund ETF	25,000
i. Major Road Projects ETF	1,000
j. Fire Department/Pub Safety CRF	15,000
k. Dam Maintenance ETF	1,000
L. Veteran's Memorial ETF	200

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Arthur Heath

Discussion: Description of \$1000 appropriated for Dam Maintenance

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 14 Brush Hog Mower Purchase

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for the purchase of a walk behind brush hog.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Donald Bagley Sr

Discussion: Amount of brush hogging being done in town, rental vs buying options

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 15 Start Common Irrigation Project

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for the purpose of beginning the irrigation project for the

Town Common.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Donald Bagley Sr

Discussion: Water from the contaminated S.Main Street Water District well will be used.

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 16 Fire Department Fund Deposit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand eighthundred and forty-four (\$1,844) seven thousand one hundred seventy dollars (\$7,170) to be added to the Fire Department Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2022, with no funds to be raised from taxation. This amount represents a portion of the surplus of the Fire Department 2022 budget. The Selectmen recommend this article by a vote of 3 to 0.

Moved by: Arthur Heath

Second: Charles Chandler

Amendment: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand one hundred seventy dollars (\$7,170) to be added to the Fire Department Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2022, with no funds to be raised from taxation. This amount represents a portion of the surplus of the Fire Department 2022 budget. **Moved by:** Arthur Heath **Second:** Charles Chandler **Discussion:** Additional money that was not spent by the Fire Department last year from Article 25 added to Article 16. **Disposition of Amendment:** Passed

Discussion: None

Disposition of Amended Article: Passed

Motion Made to Change the Order of Articles and Vote on Article 25 before returning to Article 18. **Moved by:** Charles Chandler **Seconded by:** Donald Bagley **Dispostion of Motion:** Passed

Article 17 Emergency Management Fund Deposit

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand (\$3000) to be added to the Emergency Management Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2022, with no funds to be raised from taxation. This amount represents a portion of the surplus of the Emergency Management 2022 budget. The Selectmen recommend this article by a vote of 3 to 0.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Arthur Heath

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 18 Cemetery Fund Deposit

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred seventy-three dollars (\$3,573) to be added to the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2022, with no funds to be raised from taxation. This amount represents a portion of the surplus of the Cemetery 2022 budget. The Selectmen recommend this article by a vote of 3 to 0.

Moved by: Donald Bagley Sr

Second: Arthur Heath

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 19 To Pave Batchelder Brook Road

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000) for the purpose of paving a 1" overlay on Batchelder Brook Road.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Donald Bagley Sr

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 20 To Pave Pine Hill Road

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-six thousand dollars (\$86,000) for the purpose of paving a 1" overlay on Pine Hill Road. to be applied to the Major Road Projects Non-Capital Reserve Fund.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Bryan Flagg

Amendment: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eightysix thousand dollars (\$86,000) to be applied to the Major Road Projects Non-Capital Reserve Fund. Moved by: Robert Giuda Second: Charles Chandler **Discussion:** Money can then be deposited into the Non-Capital Reserve fund and used if the Pine Hill project isn't finished this year or as needed by other road projects.

Disposition of Amendment: Passed

Discussion: None

Disposition of Amended Article: Passed

Article 21 Engage Professional Grant Writing Services

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of engaging professionals to assist the Town project development, grant writing, project management, and grant management with said funds to come from the Community Development Expendable Trust Fund. No funds to come from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article by a vote of 3 to 0.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Arthur Heath

Discussion: There was no success in finding a grant writer last year and money raised last year was not used.

Amendment: Any funds paid by the grant to the grant writer will be reimbursed to the town up to the amount paid by the town to the grant writing entity Moved by: Robert Giuda Second: Charles Chandler Discussion: None Disposition of Amendment: Failed

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 22 Creation of Town Webpage

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of creating a new Town webpage with said funds to come from the Community Development Expendable Trust Fund. No funds to come from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article by a vote of 3 to 0.

Moved by: Donald Bagley Sr

Second: Arthur Heath

Discussion: Update appearance of current website and ability to offer town requests/services through direct website links.

Disposition of Article: Passed

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of replacing the Town Hall deck.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Sheila Foote

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 24 Pump Repair Engine #2

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of repairing the pump on Engine #2.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Bryan Flagg

Amendment: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of repairing the pump on Engine #2 with any additional costs to come from Fire Department Expendable Trust Fund. Moved by: Robert Giuda Second: Charles Chandler Discussion: Explanation of the problems with the pump, pump will be replaced if cost of a rebuild is more than a new pump. Dispostion of Amendment: Passed

Discussion: None

Disposition of Amended Article: Passed

Article 25 Purchase of Fire Department Equipment

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand three hundred twenty-six dollars (\$5,326) for the purpose of purchasing fire department equipment with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance as of December 31, 2022, with no funds to be raised from taxation. This amount represents a portion of the surplus of the Fire Department 2022 budget. The Selectmen recommend this article by a vote of 3 to 0.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Donald Bagley

Move to Table Article: Charles Chandler Second: Donald Bagley Disposition to Table Article: Passed

Return to Article 17

Article 26 Complete Town Hall Floor Refinishing

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500) for the purpose of completing the Town Hall floor refinishing project.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Sheila Foote

Discussion: Completion of the project will be applying an additional coat to the main floor and refinishing the stage and foyer.

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 27 Re-Adoption of All Veterans Tax Credit

Shall the town readopt the ALL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal to the same amount as the standard or optional veterans tax credit voted by the town under RSA 72:28

Moved by: Charles Sackett

Second: Charles Chandler

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 28 Re-Adoption of Optional Veterans Tax Credit

Shall the town readopt the OPTIONAL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500?

Moved by: Donald Bagley Sr

Second: Charles Sackett

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 29 Modify Warren's Elderly Exemption

Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Warren, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$15,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$20,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$25,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than

\$45,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$50,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Donald Bagley Sr

Discussion: None

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 30 Week's Crossing Dam Acquisition

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the transfer of ownership from the State of NH, Department of Environmental Services, to the Town, the dam known as the "Weeks Crossing Dam," which was rebuilt by the State in 2021, at the outlet of Weeks Crossing Pond, located on the northeastern side of Gould Hill Road, including all easements, flowage rights, and associated rights and appurtenances as necessary to operate and maintain the dam.

Moved by: Charles Chandler

Second: Robert Giuda

Discussion: Weeks Crossing Pond is used as an emergency water supply by Fire Departments. There is a "v" shaped crack apparent in the dam, the state was in Warren to view the dam two months ago and did not note anything that needed attention or repair.

Disposition of Article: Passed

Article 31 Conduct any other business

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Moved by: Donald Bagley

Second: Charles Chandler

Discussion: Appleknockers was thanked profusely for donations made to various organizations to reduce the tax burden. Moderator Romano was applauded for an outstanding job in her first year as moderator. Austin Albro was recognized for doing a thorough job in all his tasks as administrator and for going above and beyond to assist the town.

Motion to Adjourn made at 1:35pm

Moved by: Donald Bagley

Second: Charles Chandler

All in Favor

Respectfully Submitted

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Suzanne Flagg Warren Town Clerk



NEW HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

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January 3, 2023

Stephanie N. Verdile NH Office of Planning and Development 100 N. Main Street, Suite 100 Concord, NH 03301

Re: State Owned Land, Surplus Land Review, Warren, NH 2023 SLR 002 (DHR# 14518)

Dear Ms. Verdile:

In accordance with RSA 227C-9, the Division of Historical Resources (DHR) has been asked to comment on the parcel of state-owned land referenced above.

The project involves a state-owned dam impounding an 8-acre pond in Warren, NH. The property will continue its current use. The dam will become a town-owned dam, and its impoundment will continue to provide the public benefits as a water supply for fire protection and as a wildlife management and recreation resource for fishing, boating and swimming.

The DHR does not object to the proposed transfer of the current Department of Environmental Servicesowned property.

Please note that the DHR requires 30 days' notice to review projects under our jurisdiction. Should you have any questions regarding these comments, please feel free to contact me at 271-6628.

Sincerely,

Nadíne Míller

Nadine Miller Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

From:	<u>Marks, Nisa M</u>
То:	Verdile, Stephanie
Cc:	Sales, Tracie; Michele L. Tremblay
Subject:	RE: State of NH SLR CORD Application
Date:	Thursday, January 19, 2023 3:59:15 PM
Attachments:	image001.jpg
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Hello Stephanie,

On behalf of the Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC), thank you for the opportunity to comment on 2023 SLR 002 in Warren, the proposed transfer of the Weeks Crossing Dam and associated abutting easements to the town.

At the January 18, 2023 meeting, the RMAC voted to support the transfer of this property to town ownership, provided that no conditions are placed in the deed that would require the town to maintain the dam in perpetuity or that would preclude the town from choosing to remove the dam in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments. Please contact me if you have any questions about this response.

Sincerely,

Nisa Marks (she/her)

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From: Verdile, Stephanie <Stephanie.N.Verdile@livefree.nh.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 16, 2022 1:59 PM
To: Marks, Nisa M <nisa.m.marks@des.nh.gov>
Subject: State of NH SLR CORD Application

Good afternoon Nisa,

The attached proposal will be on the agenda for the January 13, 2023, CORD meeting, we encourage you to review the information and invite you to provide comments on the proposal.

You may also attend the meeting on January 12, 2023, from 3PM-4PM. These meetings are open to the public, are in person, and will be held at 100 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301.

If you have specific questions about <u>the application</u>, please reach out to the Application Contact person, Patrick Bell, LLS, NHDES by phone 603-271-1960 or email <u>Patrick.bell@des.nh.gov</u>

If you have questions about the meeting, please feel free to reach out to me.

Thank you.

Merry Christmas!

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