

Town of Boscawen

Conservation Commission Natural Resources Working Group

Draft Minutes

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 4:00pm

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2 Present: Mark Kaplan, Jeff Abbe (Conservation Commission), and Craig Tufts (Central NH Regional Planning
3 Commission).

4 Commissioner Mark Kaplan began the meeting by talking about closing a few open issues;
5 How to assess whether there a certain forestry soils that need to be prioritized in the mapping process. The
6 decision is that we are going to call our county forester Tim Fleury and connect him with Craig Tufts so they can
7 have a conversation and determine how they should be weighing the forestry soils.

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9 The informal survey they did during the Old Home Day Week Activities, about which natural resources factors
10 people thought were the most important in the survey. Anyone who came to their booth to choose two out of
11 seven factors to vote on. The factors included: Recreation activities, preserving unfractured forests, preserving
12 wildlife, preserving farmland, preserving wetlands, ensuring safe & dependable water supply and preserving open
13 spaces for enjoying nature and scenic views. The two highest scores were for preserving wildlife and preserving
14 open spaces for enjoying nature and scenic views.

15 **Actions:**

- 16 • Determine best ways to distributed a survey monkey survey to as many in the town as possible - **need CC**
17 **input on this in the Oct 15 meeting**
- 18 • Ag Commission (Oct 10) – to clarify which farmlands they consider to the most important – prime farmland
19 is most important and statewide somewhat lessor importance. We want to ensure that we have all the
20 best information about use of/importance of farmland- **Jeff will be able to update on this.**
- 21 • Give historical society the map of historical resources and let them look at it and mark it up. - **Jeff will**
22 **give Historical Society the map.**
- 23 • Craig will look at stonewall mapper website and see if there is data we can use. - This is in service of being
24 able to include old stonewalls on the mapping.
- 25 • Ask the CC: is a 250 or 300 ft. buffer on rivers, streams and water bodies appropriate? Wetland buffer is
26 typically 100 ft. (There are points assigned to the land in the buffer in an addition to the point that the
27 wetland river or stream gets). - **raise this with CC at Oct 15 meeting.**
- 28 • Reach out to Lorrie with a heads up that we may need verification of water resources. Craig from CNHPC
29 will put together a map that will need to be verified. - **Lorrie are you the right person to look at this, or is**
30 **there someone else, perhaps at the Water Precinct?**
- 31 • Talk to the CC: Decide if we can have a public event, perhaps at Town Hall with a bunch of maps. Develop
32 a strategy to get people there. We could do this on a CC night meeting, or schedule a separate meeting
33 for the CC that is open to the public. Craig's goal would be to get a solid understanding of priorities and
34 data for the layering. - For discussion/input at Oct. 15 CC meeting. - **To be discussed at Oct 15 CC meeting.**
- 35 • Mark to write up a one pager on where we are to share at Oct. 15 CC meeting. - **Attached to email**

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- Mark to ask Kellee to print the Example of weighting scores/values for co-occurrence map and Craig's
- 37 cover email. - **Kellee are you able to do this? This is Craig's language if it is not clear.**
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- Jeff will ask Charlie Niebling about the Trail Data - Shape File
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- Mark Kaplan will contact Tim Fleury

40 **Next Steps:**

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- Discussions at CC Meeting Oct 15th 7:00pm
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- CNHPC to do next set of maps
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- Working Group will work to-do list
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46 Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 pm.

47 Respectfully submitted, Linda Chandonnet

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