

## Housing

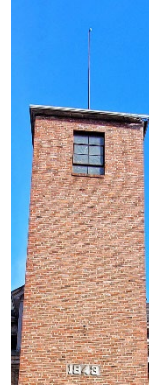


On Boscawen's Old Home Day, August 26<sup>th</sup>, residents will have an opportunity to talk about housing and their vision for the town's future. The tradition of Old Home Day started in New Hampshire and has been celebrated in Boscawen for over a century. Rural New Hampshire suffered significant population loss in the late 1800s and the tradition was started in 1899 in an attempt to lure past residents back to the State.

Today Boscawen faces another demographic shift with an aging population and declining school enrollment. Come to our booth between 1 and 4 PM and answer a short list of questions regarding housing and participate in the discussion.

## Mill Redevelopment

A river walk visioning session will be held on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM to gather ideas for the redevelopment of the former Allied Leather Tannery site. The walk will begin at the Route 4 Park and Ride.



After a recent cleanup funded through the EPA's



Brownfields Program, the property is nearing readiness for new construction. This is an opportunity for residents to look toward the future and build on Boscawen's past.



As part of Governor Sununu's \$100 million InvestNH initiative, \$5 million has been allocated to provide grants to municipalities to analyze and update their land use regulations to help increase housing development opportunities. The State has contracted with New Hampshire Housing to administer this program.

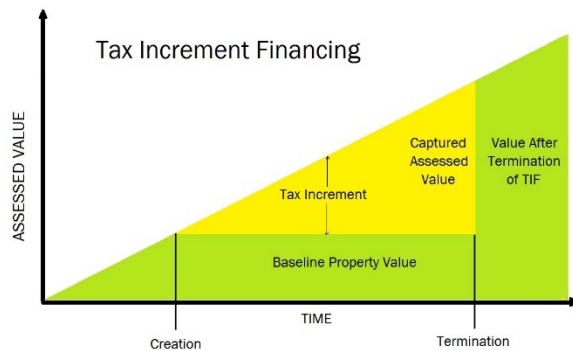
The Town of Boscawen was awarded funding through this program to update or draft new language for five items:

1. Master Plan Housing Chapter,
2. Mill Redevelopment District,
3. Cluster Development Ordinance
4. Planned Unit Development Ordinance, and
5. Potential Tax Increment Finance Plan.

## Tax Increment Finance District

### What is a TIF District?

- ▶ A TIF district is a way to fund infrastructure needed for new development without placing a burden on the existing tax base or current taxpayers.
- ▶ Boscawen could set aside revenue generated from the increase in property values within a district for specific purposes.



- ▶ A TIF district would **not** change zoning requirements or affect property rights.
- ▶ Establishment of a TIF district would **not** increase taxes within or outside its boundaries.
- ▶ Once improvements are paid for, all future revenue will go into the general fund.

## Questions/Contacts

All Planning Board meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held regularly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 PM. Meetings are held at the Municipal Facility at 116 North Main Street, unless otherwise noticed.

To contact the Planning and Community Development Director, please email [keasler@boscawennh.gov](mailto:keasler@boscawennh.gov) or call (603) 753-9188 x2309.



## Residents, a message from your Planning Board:



Town of  
**BOSCAWEN**  
New Hampshire

Recently your Planning Board has been working on a housing update to Boscawen's Master Plan, with assistance from Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. The Planning Board also sponsored a successful grant application to the new InvestNH program. The Master Plan provides the foundation for most of the Planning Board's work, including:

- Updates to subdivision and site plan regulations;
- Review of applications for subdivisions, site plans, and earth excavations;
- Updates to the Town's Capital Improvements Plan; and
- Proposals for zoning amendments for Town Meeting approval.

### Save the dates:

August 26<sup>th</sup>: Old Home Day, Boscawen Talks About Housing

September 9<sup>th</sup>: River Walk Visioning Session for Redevelopment of the Mills