



Town of Boscawen

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December 2023 Monthly Newsletter

Economic Development: The EDC met on December 5th. The EDC set the date for next year's Pumpkin Ride and Walk for October 5th, 2024. Casey DeStefano, a realtor with Century 21 Northeast, met with the EDC to discuss an extended stay hotel concept. A couple of concepts for the idea were 3D printed homes and monolithic domes. The extended stay hotel would run where a guest would select an arrival date and a departure date and could extend the stay if the room was not booked.

Planning Board: The Planning Board met on December 5th. The Master Plan is being finalized by Central NH Regional Planning Commission, and they are waiting on the U.S. Census data to be released to add information into the document. There will be a joint Visioning Session with the Economic Development Committee on January 2nd at 6:00 p.m. The Zoning Ordinance will be finalized at a Special Meeting on December 19th at 6:30 p.m. A motion was made to accept Underwood Engineer's recommendation of a \$66,600 reclamation bond for the gravel pit located at 51-57 Commercial Street and passed by unanimous vote. The PB held a Public Hearing for a bond release request by the GST Taxable Family Trust created under the Carl F. Piontkowski Revocable Trust, with a location of 51-57 Commercial Street & 477 High Street. A motion was made to release the \$50,000 bond to the GST Taxable Family Trust pending posting of the new \$66,600 bond by Sled Road, LLC as recommended by Underwood Engineers and passed by unanimous vote.

Agricultural Commission: The Agricultural Commission met on December 12th. The Commission discussed potential projects for the new year. They'd like to invite residents who are doing interesting things in agriculture to each monthly meeting. The Commission discussed creating their own logo to incorporate into a recognition label for local restaurants using local food. The Welcome sign at the Harris Hill roundabout was run into and dislodged. Both posts were broken but the sign itself is fine. The Public Works Department will purchase 2 new, treated 4 x 4's and return the sign to its home at the Roundabout as soon as possible. Mr. Roger Sanborn has resigned from the Agricultural Commission and will be missed.

Conservation Commission: The Conservation Commission met on December 19th. The Commission discussed the Barnard Lot timber cut. The sale is complete and closed out. The proceeds to the town are all received. A report of the cut still needs to be filed with the town once the tonnage of chips is received. Town Forester Niebling met with the abutter who allowed access and felt no repairs needed to be made to the road. These cuts are not something that is likely to happen again in a short amount of time. The Weir Road Town Forest Management Plan shows there is another one scheduled in 5-10 years. The Walker Pond Management Plan shows the southern block was cut heavily in 2011 and the northern block is recommended to be left alone. The Boscawen Town Forest will be 15-20 years before it is cut again. The Commission has until 2/7/24 to put a petition Warrant Article together to designate Walker Pond as a Town Forest.



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Energy Committee: The Energy Committee met on December 19th. The Committee finalized the Electric Aggregation Plan in preparation for Select Board approval. A draft warrant article was reviewed by the Committee and was recommended to be reviewed by town counsel before going to Town Meeting. A draft submission letter to the Public Utilities Commission was also reviewed and must be finalized once the SB approves the EAP.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: The ZBA met on December 11th. The ZBA held a Public Hearing to hear a request for six Variances for relief from Article V Lot Dimensions and Area prior to requesting a two-lot subdivision with the Planning Board located at 11 Jackson Street. A motion to grant all 6 variance requests was made and passed by a unanimous vote.

Joint Loss Mitigation: The JLMC met December 5th. A new security camera will be installed to oversee the mahogany deck, and a new bike rack will be installed in the spring. The Safety Manual has been updated for the year, with changes made to chapters 6 and 281-A. Katie Phelps and Karyn Chagnon were elected as the new Chair and Vice Chair.

Beautification Committee: The Beautification Committee last met on December 12th. The Committee came up with the idea to use the fence in front of the Historical Society as a trellis, and to plant different color Clematis Vines along the fence. Right now, there is no one to take on the project. This location will be added to the Adopt-a-Spot Program. The Committee will create an inventory to keep track of all the Committee's Adopt-a-Spot locations and offer the easiest Adopt-a-Spot locations to new volunteers. It was suggested to place hanging window boxes on either side of the entrance through the fence at the Historical Society as well as the Plains Cemetery fence.

Planning Board Technical Review Committee: The TRC met October 20th.