

Town of Boscawen

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February 2024 Monthly Newsletter

Economic Development: The EDC met on February 6th. The EDC discussed the next steps to move forward with applying for the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant program including organize a site visit/walk, get on LWCF notification list, research past Boscawen LWCF grant projects, preliminary site schematic, and identified potential partners and sources of match. The EDC has begun preparations for the 2nd Annual Pumkin Ride/Walk by splitting up member responsibilities.

Planning Board: The Planning Board met on February 6th. The Board met with the developers of Eagle Perch Drive to discuss releasing their bond. The engineer will work with Underwood Engineers to identify what work has been completed, what remains, and lay out a schedule for the bond to be released. The Board met with Central NH Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) to discuss Impact Fees, the Master Plan Housing Chapter, and the Land Development Regulations.

<u>Agricultural Commission:</u> The Agricultural Commission met on February 13th. The owners of Ledgetop Sugar House were present to discuss their maple sugaring operation on Oak Street. Maple weekend is March 16th and Ledgetop Sugar House will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The yearly review of the Boscawen Community Garden (BCG) applications has been completed. The 2024 BCG applications will be available on Town Meeting Day (March 12th) at the Town Offices, Library and Town of Boscawen website.

Conservation Commission: The Conservation Commission met on February 20th. The Commission discussed the Walker Pond Warrant Article and reported the Select Board has signed off in favor. The Commission will make a presentation at Town Meeting. Mr. Gary Tillman will become an alternate member of the Conservation Commission after a meeting with the Select Board. The Commission discussed the Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) Petition Warrant Article to authorize that 0% of the LUCT collected be deposited into the existing Conservation Fund and return all funds collected to the general fund. The Commission will need to make a strong case to keep the funds with evidence of the investments made.

Energy Committee: The Energy Committee met on February 15th. The Committee discussed the Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH) Member Agreements. Two legal documents (Cost Sharing Agreement & Member Services Contract) were received and would need to be executed by the Select Board if the Warrant Article passes at Town Meeting. The Committee finalized the documents to be available at Town Meeting. There will be a PowerPoint presentation to explain the Community Power process to residents. Affinity LED Lighting prepared a proposal and would like to have an informal meeting before coming to the full Committee. A meeting was scheduled for February 26th to hear the proposal.

<u>Joint Loss Mitigation</u>: The JLMC last met on February 13th. The JLMC reviewed the Action Item List with no updates to report. Many of the items are ongoing or awaiting contractor quotes.



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Beautification Committee: The Beautification Committee met on February 28th. The Committee is working on two potential Adopt a Spot locations at the Boscawen Historical Society. The proposal consists of resin planter boxes for each side of the front doorway that would contain annuals and hanging planters on either side of the front fence opening also filled with annuals. If approved by the Historical Society, the Committee will need volunteers to take on the Adopt a Spots!

Zoning Board of Adjustment: The ZBA last met on January 30th. The meeting on February 27th was cancelled due to no quorum.

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