



Town of Boscawen

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August 2023 Monthly Newsletter

Economic Development: The EDC met on August 1st. The EDC had a joint meeting with the Planning Board. Staff from Central NH Regional Planning Commission discussed updates to the Master Plan Housing Chapter including: the Mill Redevelopment District, Cluster Development, Accessory Dwelling Units, Planned Unit Development, and Tax Increment Financing.

Planning Board: The Planning Board met on August 1st. The Planning Board had a joint meeting with the Economic Development Committee. Staff from Central NH Regional Planning Commission discussed updates to the Master Plan Housing Chapter including: the Mill Redevelopment District, Cluster Development, Accessory Dwelling Units, Planned Unit Development, and Tax Increment Financing. The Board held a Public Hearing for a 3-Lot Minor Subdivision. The application was approved by a unanimous vote. The Board held a Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for Cluster Development, which was approved by unanimous vote in July. The Board held a Public Hearing for a 31-Lot Major Subdivision for Cluster Development. The application was accepted as complete pending review of waiver requests and was continued to a date certain of September 5th, 2023.

Energy Committee: The Energy Committee last met on August 15th. The Committee spent the meeting finalizing documents for the public information sessions on September 23rd at 9:00 a.m. and November 13th at 6:00 p.m. The public information sessions will explain how the Town of Boscawen is proposing to establish a Community Power Program, along with a coalition of many other towns and cities, called the Community Power Coalition of NH. Through this program, our town will become an electricity supplier to participating residents and businesses in the community. The benefits are lower electricity, more choices including renewable energy, and local control. There is no cost to taxpayers, and participation is voluntary. A representative from the Community Power Coalition of NH will be available at the sessions to answer any questions.

Agricultural Commission: The Agricultural Commission met on August 8th. The AgComm had two guests attend the meeting. Mr. Tim Reese and Ms. Cindy Butler of NH Hereford Hogs spoke about their operation. Their mission is to provide the New England area with quality Hereford pigs for both showing at fairs and for market. Mr. Reese brought along a piglet named Sweetie to illustrate the standards considered necessary to qualify as a Hereford Hog. Sweetie has a red body, white face, ears that break forward, and four white feet. There are three marketing categories Mr. Reese's pigs will fall into: donated, breeder, and feeder. Pigs can sell for up to \$40,000. Annually, he donates up to 4 or 5 pigs to Future Farmers of America and 4-H.

Conservation Commission: The Conservation Commission met on August 15th. The Commission discussed erecting temporary Turtle Crossing signs in known problem areas. These can be taken down and stored during off seasons. The Commission has proposed a draft agreement for a Timber Sale on the Barnard Lot. This agreement will be finalized and put into effect. The snowmobile trail

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that goes through the new Ross Express land will be gone once they develop the land. It could be made into a hiking trail. The new trail is supposed to bypass the existing trail. The Commission discussed updating the trail kiosks this winter.

Old Home Day Committee: The OHDC met on August 21st. The Golf Tournament will be on Thursday, August 24th, starting at 9am with registration beginning at 8am. There will be two raffles. One raffle will be for a golf bag set. The parade will be on Saturday, August 26th at 11am, on the morning of Old Home Day. Individuals in the parade must arrive at 10am with their floats. The equipment entertainment will start at 12:30pm down at the park. The OHDC secured one food truck, Teenie Weenie's. Sunday, August 27th, Twiggs Art Gallery will be holding a poem and pie event after church.

Beautification Committee: The Beautification Committee last met on July 25th.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: The ZBA met on August 22nd. The ZBA held a Public Hearing for a Variance application for 3 rental duplexes on one lot in an AR zone, located at 120 Elm Street. The Board approved the application by a unanimous vote.

Fire Department Advisory Committee: This Committee will join forces with the Police Advisory Committee and EMS to become the Public Safety Advisory Board.

Police Advisory Board: The PAC met on August 15th. The Police Advisory Committee will join forces with the Fire Department and EMS to become the Boscawen Public Safety Advisory Board. The Board will have a total of 9 people to consist of 5 members from the town, 3 chiefs representing the Town's safety departments, and 1 Select Board Ex-Officio. The Fire Department is experiencing difficulties regarding daytime calls. The lack of staff is impacting the ability to get a truck out the door. Fire Chief Kenney is looking into the possibility of hiring a per diem person to remedy the situation. Corporal Elizabeth Murray has officially joined the Police Department. She is especially well versed in public relations and is currently trying to initiate a Town movie night. Officer Bibeau has been cleared to return to work. Officers Smith and Keisling are doing very well. Chief Killary is hoping to hire 2 more officers.

Planning Board TRC: The TRC last met July 14th.

Hazard Mitigation: The HMC last met December 20th.

Joint Loss Mitigation: The JLMC last met July 24th.