



Town of Boscawen

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Economic Development: The EDC last met November 7th. Tom MacMullin, the owner of Kentek, met with the EDC. In 2000, Mr. MacMullin joined Kentek. In 2011, Mr. MacMullin purchased the company. Currently, they have 42 employees and they are a self-propelled company. Their products consist of laser goggles or glasses, laser barrier curtains, and movable barrier curtains. They sell to industrial businesses, universities with laboratories, government, and medical markets. The EDC is in the process of planning a Fall Festival. Letters are being drafted to be sent out to businesses in town.

Planning Board: The Planning Board met December 6th. The Board held a Public Hearing for updates to the Land Development Regulations. The amendments were accepted by a unanimous vote. The Board held a Public Hearing for the 2023-2030 Capital Improvement Program. A motion was made to add \$50,000 per year starting in 2023 to the Capital Reserve Fund. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Energy Committee: The Energy Committee last met on November 14th. The Committee made a recommendation to the Select Board to invest in insulation for the Municipal Office. The Committee worked on having a representative from the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire go before the Select Board to present a Joint Powers Agreement.

Agricultural Commission: The Agricultural Commission met December 8th. The Committee is interested in hosting a Draft Horse Plowing Contest in the summer. Planning for this event will continue in the coming months.

Conservation Commission: The Conservation Commission met December 20th. The Commission heard a presentation for a 4-lot subdivision that will be going to the Planning Board. The applicant asked for input from the Commission for the Public Hearing. The property has an abundance of wetlands, as well as vernal pools and a beaver pond. The Commission is working on creating a mission statement and a vision statement to add to the Master Plan.

Old Home Day Committee: The OHDC last met October 17th. The Town Wide Yard Sale date was set for May 20th, 2023. Old Home Day will be August 26th, 2023. The Golf Tournament will be August 24th, 2023. The OHDC is researching a Bingo event to host during Old Home Day.

Beautification Committee: The Beautification Committee last met November 2nd. The Committee has gotten quotes for sprinkler head irrigation for the Municipal Office. The Committee has plans to power wash several areas in town. This Committee is seeking membership.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: The ZBA met December 27th. The ZBA heard a Variance request to amend the 2001 Notice of Decision regarding the removal of an existing garage between two abutting properties. A motion to amend the decision was made and passed by a unanimous vote.

Fire Department Advisory Committee: This is a new Committee seeking membership.

Police Advisory Board: The PAC last met October 11th. Officer Ashley Kiesling, the department's newest recruit and 8th officer, will be attending the Police Academy in January 2023. Officer Patrick Ryan is another recently added member of the department. Sadly, Corporal Glen Chislett and K9 Officer Saint have announced their retirement. Since all equipment for Officer Saint was purchased using grant money, it will now go to another town that has a K9 unit. ARPA money was used to outfit all 6 cruisers with in-car technology. This advancement has enabled officers to simplify the process by issuing citations and printing tickets while out on duty as opposed to returning to the station to complete paperwork. The department has received a \$5,000.00 grant which will be used expressly for extra details in hopes of addressing the speeding issues.

PB Technical Review Committee: The TRC last met August 23rd.

Hazard Mitigation: The HMC met on December 20th. One hazardous event of wires and trees down on Route 3 north of Goodhue Road that closed the road down for about an hour on November 30, 2022 was recorded. A Snow Plow Policy is being finalized. The Emergency Management Director has received approval for the generator grant and will be moving forward with putting the generator in.

Joint Loss Mitigation: The JLMC last met October 4th. Security cameras have been installed in all town buildings. Panic buttons were distributed to employees. A list of repairs and trainings were documented for 2023.

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