



Town of Boscawen

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July 2023 Monthly Newsletter

Economic Development: The EDC met July 11th. Sean Goldman joined the EDC as the newest full member. Don Moyer from Friends of the Northern Rail Trail attended the meeting and discussed expansions. Last year, they gave the state \$110,000 to help them purchase .6 miles of abandoned railway. The state now owns to the south end of Hannah Dustin Island. Last fall, \$45,000 was given to extend the trail to the north face of the Route 4 overpass. This spring they submitted a \$75,000 grant for further expansion and will find out in October if it was awarded. The vision for the rail trail system statewide would be to connect from the Massachusetts border to the Vermont border which equals 115 miles.

Planning Board: The Planning Board met July 5th. Mark Varney submitted his letter of resignation. The Board held a Public Hearing for a Request for Extension submitted by Safe Space Storage at 85 DW Highway. The request was approved by a unanimous vote. The Board held a Public Hearing for a Request for Extension submitted by Riveredge Properties LLC at Eagle Perch Drive. The request was approved by a unanimous vote. The Board held a Public Hearing for a Request to Decrease and Reconfigure submitted by DM Holdings at 145 King Street. The request was approved by a unanimous vote with a condition to come back in August.

Energy Committee: The Energy Committee last met June 13th.

Agricultural Commission: The Agricultural Commission met July 11th. Ms. Emma Richmond-Boudewyns and Prem Adhikari from Fresh Start Farms attended the meeting and discussed the program and their operations. Fresh Start Farms, as a portion of the Organization for Refugee and Immigrant Success, operates like an incubator farm or training farm for new American farmers in Southern New Hampshire. Ms. Richmond-Boudewyns suggested the Commissioners come by for a tour.

Conservation Commission: The Conservation Commission met July 18th. The CC was presented with an easement request for the open space of the 31-Lot Subdivision for Cluster Development proposal located at 477 High Street. The CC motioned to reject the easement.

Old Home Day Committee: The OHDC met July 17th. All of the Flashy Flock chicken cutouts were sold. The Agricultural Commission Draft Horse event will be on Sunday, August 20th from 10AM to 2PM. There will be a raffle booth. The prizes will be a drone, cord of wood and air fryer. The Avaloch event at Twiggs Art Gallery was switched to Wednesday, August 23rd. 19 teams have signed up for the Golf Tournament. There will be two different kinds of raffles. Confections by Kate and several food trucks will be present at Old Home Day, as well as several entertainment options.

Beautification Committee: The Beautification Committee met July 25th. The Committee discussed sealing the Tremont Street sign. They will speak with Public Works Director Dean Hollins about the location of the sign, sealing, and the possible necessity of involving the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. The Committee continues to maintain the roundabout and several areas around the Town Offices.

Zoning Board of Adjustment: The ZBA last met December 27th. The July meeting was canceled due to no appeals.

Fire Department Advisory Committee: This is a new Committee seeking membership. This Committee will join with the Police Advisory Committee to become the Public Safety Advisory Board.

Police Advisory Board: The PAC last met June 20th. The Police Advisory Committee will join forces with the Fire Department and EMS to become the Public Safety Advisory Board.

Planning Board TRC: The TRC met July 14th. The TRC heard an application for a lot merger for Ross Express, LLC. The application was approved by a unanimous vote. Ross Express, LLC hopes to construct a brand new 100ft wide, 300ft long, 60-door terminal on the newly acquired property, as well as a new 10,000 sq. ft., 8-door maintenance facility.

Hazard Mitigation: The HMC last met December 20th.

Joint Loss Mitigation: The JLMC met July 24th. The Committee discussed issues that have been fixed within the different departments and buildings, and updates to the Safety Manual. The Fire Chief and the Facilities Director listed off other areas of concerns to add to the Action Item List.