



# Town of Boscawen

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## November 2023 Monthly Newsletter

**Economic Development:** The EDC met on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The EDC discussed their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Pumpkin Ride & Walk. The event went very well considering how quickly it was planned and an impressive number of people attended. The EDC discussed the pros and cons of the event and what they could do differently next year. The EDC and Mr. Josh Crawford discussed the potential for the creation of a town flag. A motion was made to recommend the concept for a town flag design to the Select Board for their approval.

**Planning Board:** The Planning Board met on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The PB reviewed and edited the Master Plan Housing Chapter and Zoning Ordinance with Matt Monahan from Central NH Regional Planning Commission. The final drafts for the Housing Chapter and Zoning Ordinance will be presented at the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting for final approval, and the Public Hearings will be held at the January meeting.

**Agricultural Commission:** The Agricultural Commission met on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The Agcomm discussed potential projects for the upcoming year including giving local restaurants recognition for using local food, update the rack cards, recognize local agricultural activities in Boscawen, more publicity for local agriculture, and a Community Garden growing challenge.

**Conservation Commission:** The Conservation Commission met on November 21<sup>st</sup>. The Weir Road Town Forest Timber Cut is approximately 80% done with the harvest. The Commission receives 100% of the Land Use Change Tax and has not been challenged since around 2000. It is now being reviewed. Five Rivers Conservation Trust is in the very early stages of an exciting project working with a local Boscawen family. When finalized FRCT will have over 1,000 acres in a Conservation Easement.

**Energy Committee:** The Energy Committee last met on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The Committee held the second of two Public Hearings required to present the draft Energy Aggregation Plan. The next step will be to finalize the EAP with information from the hearings and vote to forward the document to present to the Select Board.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment:** The ZBA met on November 28<sup>th</sup>. The ZBA held a Public Hearing for an application for 3 Variances. The hearing was continued to a date certain of December 11<sup>th</sup> to correct the plan and Public Notice with the addition of a Variance for Setbacks.

**Joint Loss Mitigation:** The JLMC met November 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Planning Board Technical Review Committee:** The TRC met October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Beautification Committee:** The Beautification Committee last met on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

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