



TOWN OF BOW

Conservation Commission

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Bow Conservation Commission
Meeting August 7, 2017
Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Bow Conservation Commission was held on August 7 at 7:30 PM. Chair Sandy Crystall called the meeting to order.

Members present: Sandy Crystall, Wendy Waskin, David Kirkpatrick, Dave Eskeland, and newly appointed member Amanda Kallenbach. Bob Ball was excused. Kitty Lane was absent.

Ms. Crystall congratulated Ms. Kallenbach on her recent appointment to the commission and welcomed her aboard.

Unapproved minutes 07/17/2017

After reviewing the minutes and making changes Ms. Kallenbach made the motion, duly seconded by Ms. Waskin, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Items for Consideration/Discussion:

1. Master Plan – Continue review and develop goals and objectives, etc., for the draft Natural Resources section.

Ms. Crystall briefly recapped the progress made at the previous meeting and noted that she had prepared an outline of the Chapter for the members to facilitate a more comprehensive review process.

Among the items discussed:

- The timing of the Master Plan comments and completion.
- Whether the current objectives correspond with the larger Natural Resources topics.
- Following the existing chapter approach or creating a different one for goal setting.

Then members discussed and revised the three goals that they had come up with at the previous meeting.

Goal 1: Preserve and manage Bow's natural resources to promote healthy flora and fauna and enhance the quality of life for its residents.

Goal 2: Maintain and enhance the rural character of Bow through a balance of developed and undeveloped areas.

Goal 3: Grow a citizen base that has awareness of the strengths and vulnerabilities of the Town’s natural resources.

Then the following objectives/actions were discussed to describe how these goals are being accomplished.

Goal 1	Goal 2	Goal 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Town should set an example of land management activities that protect its natural resources. • Do a natural resources inventory to provide a basis for management. • Regional source water protection. • Identify mechanisms to maintain or improve quality of surface and ground water. • Encourage use of renewable resources for energy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a coordinated approach to trails management. • Development that is sensitive to natural resources. • Develop a system to identify and rank parcels for protection of ecological and cultural resources. • Review existing regulations to promote the Town’s rural character; • Incorporate pedestrian and bicycle friendly corridors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify mechanisms for outreach to the residents; • Provide opportunities for community engagement related to Bow’s natural resources. • Encourage individual landowners to manage properties for protection of wildlife and water quality.

Then discussion ensued about making sure that new goals and objectives cover everything that the chapter contains and about better organization of the chapter itself. After a brief review of the chapter contents outline prepared by Ms. Crystall, the members made some changes to how the chapter is organized by regrouping and renaming some sections.

Ms. Crystall will check the newly written goals/objectives for consistency with the overall chapter content before submitting the revised document to the Planning Board for review.

Other business.

Ms. Crystall informed the members about a recent request to the Select Board for bear baiting on Town property. A short discussion followed about the choice of a hunting weapon, easements, locations, and map of compact areas for Bow.

Ms. Crystall also mentioned that the Commission received some information in the mail from the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension about Emerald Ash Borer.

Mr. Kirkpatrick made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Kallenbach seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 PM