

BOW MASTER PLAN
NATURAL FEATURES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 20, 2016
Bow Town Hall, Meeting Room C
6:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Eric Thum
Darren Benoit
Sandy Crystall
Matt Taylor, Community Development Director
Joanne Cassulo, CNHRPC
Katie Nelson, CNHRPC

1. Chapter Timeline

The next subcommittee meeting will be set for either Wednesday, February 17th or Wednesday, February 24th. Katie will send out a doodle poll electronically to the group.

2. Chapter Progress to Date

Katie presented the draft Conservation, Preservation, and Open Space Chapter to the group reviewing the chapter components, tables and content that had been updated with recent data, and noting tables and content that still needs to be updated with assistance from the subcommittee. It was also noted that the highlighted text throughout the chapter indicates content that still needs to be updated. A suggestion was made by Sandy to change the name of the chapter to Natural Resources as the chapter covers more than conservation land, preservation, and open space.

Joanne suggested that the subcommittee think of a few case studies to be included in the chapter as they are a good way to showcase a past accomplishment or the value of a certain feature. Joanne also suggested that more of a discussion be added into the chapter on agricultural resources, noting the current interest and trends in agritourism. She also asked any subcommittee members to provide any photos they would like to include in the chapter.

Joanne suggested that one of the subcommittee's future meetings be set aside to discuss the density transfer credits and open space evaluation criteria. A brief discussion occurred on the purpose of density transfer credits and Sandy noted that she believes a natural resource inventory (NRI) should be conducted prior to the adoption of a Density Transfer Credit Ordinance. It was suggested that an NRI be considered as a recommendation in the chapter.

Joanne showed the group a handout from the Central New Hampshire Regional Plan that could be used as a format for the Master Plan's executive summary. The handout would highlight the important trends of the Plan and would be easier to distribute to residents.

Joanne provided the subcommittee with a set of draft maps for the chapter. Eric noted that he would check the map displaying conservation lands with Bow Open Spaces. Katie noted that she would send all the draft maps electronically for the subcommittee to review.

3. Chapter Objectives/Recommendations from 2004 Master Plan

When reviewing the chapter, Katie noted that all chapter objectives and recommendations at the end of the draft chapter were from the 2004 chapter. It was suggested that the subcommittee consider organizing recommendations by key focus areas so to limit the number of recommendations for the chapter and to connect the chapter to the other chapters within the plan. Joanne also suggested including a list of completed recommendations/accomplishments since the last master plan at the beginning of the chapter.

4. Additional Business

The group was updated that so far 113 responses had been collected for the Community Survey. It was noted that the survey is open for responses until February 16, 2016.

It was agreed by the group that Katie will electronically send out a copy of the chapter and the maps so that each member of the subcommittee can review and submit comments. Changes can be made with a different color text, by inserting comment, using track changes, or similar method and be sent back to Katie electronically. It was agreed that CNHRPC would make any changes that included updated facts or data but any opinion comments would be brought back to the subcommittee for further discussion.

5. Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 7:30 PM.