

JOINT MEETING with CITIZEN PLANNING COMMITTEE and CONSERVATION  
COMMISSION  
May 29, 2018 Minutes

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 pm

CPC members Present: Pamela Hamel, Chair; Vickie Kimball, Bonnie Lane, Vice Chair; Tony Tavares, Steve Lindsey, Deborah Johnson, Planning Board Liaison  
CPC Planning Consultants Present: Steve Whitman & Liz Kelly  
Absent: CPC members - Bernard Dauphinais

Boards Represented:

Select Board- Kyle Andrews, John Rescigno and Sara Smith, Administrative Assistant  
Conservation Commission- Slim Spafford, Ruth Gaffey, Elizabeth Jespersen, Gina Rescigno,  
ZBA- Carolyn Booth  
PB- Ray Blake, Dave Labar, John Rescigno, Deb Johnson

Town resident attendee: Ruth Millett, James Gaffey, Ann Joyce and Sharon Nelson

The CPC waived the reading of the May 8 minutes. Following Committee review, the minutes were approved as amended, correcting the district designation from **Business/Commercial** to **Renewable Energy/Business**

The CPC Chair then welcomed the representatives from the Town Boards explaining that the CPC wanted their input and ongoing comments as planning continued. On the evenings agenda was the designation of districts.

Looking at the draft map prepared by Steve the committee confirmed the following districts:

- The central section of town has large, intact, undeveloped lots suitable for a **Forestry and Conservation District**. Permitted uses for this district will be - Forestry and Agricultural, large lot (75 acres) residential, and home occupations.

Similar areas (in terms of its characteristics) to this centrally located zone are the lots along the Alexandria border (southern part of town) and the area commonly referred to as Kimball Hill. These areas will also be included in the Forestry and Conservation District.

The committee decided that all area in permanent conservation (under easement) would be appropriately designated for use as only conservation and forestry, and easement allowed recreation. This designation would reinforce the language of the easements on properties of the Society for Protection of NH Forests and the State, as well as other easement conserved areas (e.g., for the Legacy and Green acres properties and other properties under easement).

Habitat, wildlife corridors and water resource protection were identified as being particularly important in these areas as well as encouraging and maintaining working forestlands.

- The north/south east corner of town that includes the Groton Wind Project properties was looked at as a **Renewable Energy and Business District**. Use could focus on renewable energy projects. Permitted uses would also include Forestry, Agriculture, Conservation and in some areas, large lot residential.

Proximity to state routes, existing energy development, and the fact that the area is adjacent to the commercially developed areas of Rumney and Plymouth are important considerations.

- The areas adjacent to all roads will be designated **Rural Residential**. Allowable uses include single family homes and those with accessory dwelling units, home occupations/businesses and agriculture.

With the aquifer/floodplain overlay districts that will complete district zoning.

Discussion involved several key points – See attached Notes

The Chair and committee set several dates for future meetings: June 11 and 25, July 9 and 23, Aug 6 and 20.

Meeting adjournment at 8:55 PM

Planning Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM

Submitted,  
Deborah Johnson