

Town of Bedford
Conservation Commission Workshop Minutes
February 22, 2022

A workshop meeting of the Bedford Conservation Commission was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 in the Police Training Room at the Bedford Safety Complex at 55 Constitution Drive, Bedford.

6:00 PM Call to Order

Present: Pat Grogan (Chair), Bill Carter (Town Council Rep, member), Steve Clough (Planning Board Rep, member) Deborah Evans (regular member), Julie Donovan (regular member), Becky Hebert (Planning Director), Kathleen Ports (Associate Planner)

Absent: Stephanie Jones (regular member), and Greg Handy (regular member)

New Business: Ms. Ports presented a request by the Bedford Historical Society (BHS) to relocate a historical mower along the Pulpit Rock trails to the farming exhibit at the BHS museum. Both the conservation easement holder, Piscataquog Land Conservancy, and the State Office of Historic Resources, support the request. The Commission unanimously approved the request and recommended that BHS place an interpretive marker at the location of the mower to identify what had been there and why it was moved.

Ms. Ports informed the Commission that NH DES had issued the wetland permit for the NH DOT project on Route 101 at Twin Brook.

Workshop – Criteria for Naming Conservation Areas

The Commission reviewed the proposed criteria for establishing names of conservation areas. The Commission approved the criteria for naming properties with a few modifications and recommended that Staff develop a policy for naming or re-naming conservation areas after an individual. The Commission also approved the list of newly proposed property names.

Workshop – Conservation Area Signs

Staff presented an overview of conservation area signs and requested input from the Commission on style, language, and Kiosk layout. The Commission made suggestions, agreed that it liked the Boy Scout signs with some additional standards on size, color, and layout. The Commission requested Staff complete a draft set of Property Guidelines (Rules) for review and approval and a draft set of sign standards for Property name signs for review and approval.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM. Next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Ports