

NOTES
Wetland and Shoreland Committee
of the Conservation Commission
9:00 a.m. Upstairs Conference Room – Town Hall
December 29, 2022

Committee Members Present

Emily Friedrichs, Planning Board representative
Sally Needell, former Conservation Commission chair
Paul Rasmussen, Planning Board representative
Neil Slepian, Conservation Commission representative
Dwight Trueblood, Conservation Commission representative

Michael Behrendt, Town Planner

Michael had forgotten about the meeting and didn't post an agenda, so this was only an informal discussion. No decisions were made.

Neil left around 10:00 am and Michael arrived at 10:05 am. The committee talked about the purpose statement. It was noted that buffers could vary by zoning district. Dwight sent information earlier showing the difference between greenways and wildlife corridors. The former is more for recreation purposes. There was discussion about possibly creating a wildlife corridor overlay district.

Dwight said he would send a link to a map showing corridors on Granit. Sally said she would contact the NH Association of Conservation Commissions to see if they had any maps showing wildlife corridors. Paul said it would be helpful to include this on the GIS program. Michael will check with Plan-Link and the state planning office if other towns have any ordinances about wildlife corridors.

Sally noted that we can incorporate any comments or suggested changes into the google document directly.

The committee talked about plants and invasive species and discussed whether it is helpful to have specific lists. Michael said there are specific list for preferred trees and shrubs along with invasive plants in the Site Plan Regulations. An applicant is not required to use the lists, but it is provided for a reference. Emily said she thinks it better to not have a list but require use of native or naturalized species.

There was a question whether the Town could require people to fix failing septic systems when properties sold. It was noted there is a provision to this effect in the Shoreland Overlay District. Michael said he is not aware of it being used. We don't find out about property transfers until after they occur. He will check with Audrey about this.

Michael said he thinks the best way to protect wildlife corridors would be with an overlay district. He said it might be part of the shoreland overlay district if they overlapped considerably but that remains to be seen.

The discussion ended at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted.

Michael Behrendt, Town Planner