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To: "Knight, Susan - NRCS, Dover, NH" <susan.knight@nh.usda.gov>; "Meeh, Daimon - NRCS, Epping, NH" <Daimon.Meeh@nh.usda.gov>; "Whitcomb, Peter - NRCS, Concord, NH" <peter.whitcomb@nh.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Farmland Conservation Question

Sue & Daimon --

Just getting back to normal following my town's Deliberative Session, for which I spent a lot of time preparing to neutralize a Selectmen-sponsored warrant article that would have cut the Land Use Change Tax funding for the Conservation Fund. My motion to amend it to be almost irrelevant passed overwhelmingly.

Anyway, thanks for the info on farmland protection. We have 3 areas in town that we would love to protect, and eagerly await the info for how to apply for the 2018 Farm Bill money. Please keep me in the loop.

-- Paul.

Paul Wainwright, Chair, Atkinson Conservation Commission

From: [Knight, Susan - NRCS, Dover, NH](#)
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 1:48 PM
To: [Meeh, Daimon - NRCS, Epping, NH](#) ; [Whitcomb, Peter - NRCS, Concord, NH](#) ; paul@paulwainwrightphotography.com
Subject: RE: Farmland Conservation Question

I don't know of any other land trusts that cover Rockingham County. The Town can act as the easement holder (Grantee), however, it is often difficult for a town to meet the fiscal and stewardship requirements, which is why we usually default to a local land trust to serve as the Grantee.

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) does assist towns and landowners in facilitating easement transactions. Although TPL does not hold the easement, they can assist with logistics and fund raising to make the acquisition possible. J.T. Horn is the New England project manager and has facilitated several easement projects in NH. He's a great resource and his contact info. is below. Let me know if you need anything further and we will post new information to the NH NRCS web page as it's received.

Sue ☐

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From: Meeh, Daimon - NRCS, Epping, NH

From: Friday, January 25, 2019 10:23 AM

To: Knight, Susan - NRCS, Dover, NH susan.knight@nh.usda.gov; Whitcomb, Peter - NRCS, Concord, NH

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Thank you Sue, do you have a list of organizations that Paul could choose from to contact? I mentioned SELT and Bear Paw but I thought you may know of others that operate in the Atkinson area.

Daimon



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From: Knight, Susan - NRCS, Dover, NH

From: Friday, January 25, 2019 10:27 AM

To: Meeh, Daimon - NRCS, Epping, NH Daimon.Meeh@nh.usda.gov; Whitcomb, Peter - NRCS, Concord, NH

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Good Morning Folks,

The 2018 Farm Bill, signed into law on 12/20/18, authorized funds for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP). The policy rules for administering the easement programs have not been disseminated to the states yet, and are not expected to be released until March. Without policy guidance, I am unable to provide any additional information about the ACEP.

We will post program information to the NH NRCS web page (www.nh.nrcs.usda.gov) as soon as it is received. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to email back, or give me a call at 868-9931 x118. I'm happy to share whatever information I have. Stay tuned.

Sue

From: Meeh, Daimon - NRCS, Epping, NH

From: Friday, January 25, 2019 9:51 AM

To: Whitcomb, Peter - NRCS, Concord, NH peter.whitcomb@nh.usda.gov; paul@paulwainwrightphotography.com

CC: Knight, Susan - NRCS, Dover, NH susan.knight@nh.usda.gov

Subject: RE: Farmland Conservation Question

Hello Peter and Paul,

Great to hear about the effort to preserve farmland. In this area two groups that I know of that work with land conservation are the Southeast Land Trust and Bear Paw Regional Greenways. I have CC'd Sue Knight from our Conservation Easement staff. She probably knows of others you could be in touch with.

Good Luck

Daimon



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Hi Daimon,

Since this is in Rockingham, I thought that you may be a better source of information.

Peter

From: paul@paulwainwrightphotography.com
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To: Whitcomb, Peter - NRCS, Concord, NH <peter.whitcomb@nh.usda.gov>
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Subject: Farmland Conservation question

Hi Peter --

We are contemplating an ambitious program to permanently protect the last working farm in Atkinson, which as you may be aware is under extreme pressure from residential development. I have no idea what programs, including funding, are available, and, in fact, I have no idea how to get started or where to look for information. Can you help us?

Thanks,

-- Paul.

Paul Wainwright, Chair, Atkinson Conservation Commission

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