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Attach: Conservation Planning - for NHACC newsletter.doc
Subject: Re: Land Conservation Reference Documents

Hi Paul,

To get started it might be helpful to break down the basics of a conservation plan. Purpose of a conservation plan is to protect inventoried and other significant features and resources through voluntary and/ or regulatory means.

- Presents a vision for the future ecological health of an area.
- Based on and references a natural resources inventory
- Describes an action plan to protect inventoried and other features over a long period of time.

I have several resources I would suggest to help you get started.

Preparing a Conservation Plan is a Cooperative Extension guide that provides an overview of the basic elements in a conservation plan.

https://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource001227_Rep1568.pdf

The NH Office of Energy and Planning has a good resource

The Innovative Land Use Planning Techniques:

<https://www.nh.gov/osi/resource-library/planning/documents/innovative-land-use-planning-techniques-2008.pdf>

I have also attached an article from Maine that was in the NHACC newsletter that you might be interested in.

I think it is a good idea to have a subcommittee work on the plan. You will be able to move faster with a smaller group. Just make sure they report back to the conservation commission regularly. The town of Londonderry has a good example of a conservation plan. They call it an open space plan but it is basically the same thing:

http://www.londonderrynh.org/Pages/LondonderryNH_BComm/OSTF/OSTFFinalReport.pdf

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Regards

Barbara

On Wed, Jan 30, 2019 at 11:42 AM <paul@paulwainwrightphotography.com> wrote:

Hi Barbara --

As you know, our Selectmen have put forward a warrant article that would decrease funding of the town's Conservation Fund from LUCT proceeds. The Deliberative Session is this Saturday, and I plan to make a motion to amend it to essentially nullify the article, and I am confident I will have to votes to amend it.

This "opportunity," however, has heightened our awareness that we do not really have a plan for land conservation in this town, and I'm going to ask the Commission to form a Land Conservation Working Group consisting of 3 Commission members (to avoid a quorum), together with at least that many other townspeople, to formulate a Land Conservation Plan that can have wide visibility to and input from the community. Problem is, I really don't know what such a plan is, or how to go about doing it. Can you help? To get the Working Group started, I have pulled together a large "Land Conservation Resource Documents" loose leaf notebook with absolutely everything I can think of that relates to the subject of Land Conservation in Atkinson, including much of the material you recently sent me, and this information is also available on line, here:

<http://www.paulwainwrightphotography.com/atk/cons/resource/docs/index.html> .

I would be particularly interested in your thoughts for additional information for Sections 2 2 2 (sources of funding) and Section 2 (Getting Started). I'm particularly concerned that the "Getting Started" tab lacks tools that we would need 2 I just don't know where to turn.

Thanks for your ongoing support 2

-- Paul.

Paul Wainwright, Chair, Atkinson Conservation Commission

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