

TOWN OF LOUDON  
PLANNING BOARD MASTER PLAN  
NATURAL FEATURES SUB-COMMITTEE  
MAY 5, 2014

**Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Stephanie Alexander.**

**Attendance:**

CNHRPC: Stephanie Alexander

PB members: George Saunderson, Stanley Prescott, Bob Cole

Conservation Commission: Julie Robinson

PB Admin Asst: Donna White

Stephanie provided a graph collection of Question 11 Survey Opinions. The group reviewed the graph and discussed the areas that received the most comments, Agriculture & Farming receiving the highest number. It will be noted in the chapter that buffers were put into effect after the MP was last done.

The group began a review of the Recommendations established during the last MP update.

Objective 7-1; leave as is. Recommendations: Continue to identify the scenic resources; farmland soils locations can be done with GIS mapping; continue to purchase and acquire conservation easements; establish a funding base has been done; encourage use of existing roads/using smart planning principles; continue trying to work with land trusts, etc.

Objective 7-2; add water. Recommendations: Increase protection for wetlands has been done in Zoning Ordinance; add point to improve wetlands process; protect shorelines has been done; limit future development to sites with suitable soils has been done through regulations; protect steep slope areas (now 25%) has been done; increase protection of water supplies/specify aquifer under Soucook; reduce nonpoint source pollution/SA amended; combine protect wildlife habitats and identify unique natural communities by securing conservation easements; identify critical wetlands as is.

Objective 7-3; leave as is. Recommendations: Publicize public recreation use areas/specify uses; work with snowmobile clubs re: using trails/address public parking/encourage enforcement of illegal dumping/woods/roadsides/water bodies; drop corridor along Soucook; acquire conservation easements that allow public use including hunting and fishing. SA to look at RSA re: landowner liability.

Objective 7-4, leave as is. Recommendations: continue to engage in public outreach; articles would be good way to publicize recreation areas and address illegal dumping; SA reworded bullet re: pamphlets/it was suggested that the ConCom section of the Town's website be used; develop Natural Resources Inventory using Society for Protection of NH Forests/locate grant funding; continue to rally support for capital reserve fund and land use change tax; encourage residents with articles in the Ledger to report any violations; drop last three bullets.

End of review due to time constraints.

Visioning Session – Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at the elementary school. Julie is unable to attend; Stan, George, and Bob will be there. SA asked for a volunteer to assist her during the chapter session; George was appointed. Donna will verify time for refreshments with Mike Tardiff because they are not allowed in the gym.

Minutes of April 7, 2014 meeting – The group reviewed the minutes; Bob Cole moved to accept them as written; seconded by Stan Prescott. All were in favor.

Meeting dates – An additional meeting was scheduled for May 27<sup>th</sup>; the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting was changed to June 16<sup>th</sup>; and the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting was changed to July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Prepared by,  
Donna White, Administrative Assistant