

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
January 12, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, David McTigue, Kleta Dudley, Matt Oliveira, Mike Bara and Susan Mallett

ABSENT: Jack Messe, Karen Miller

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

Bob briefly discussed Skinny Cat property, where it is, and what the plans are. Follow up in a future meeting with Tom Jones, of Piscataquog Land Conservancy.

Bob presented Land Protection Basics to the group, which covered many facets including Land Stewardship and other ways to protect land in its natural state.

Next up was a discussion of how to find lands suitable for protection. These included using GIS maps to filter out candidates and looking at land that is already protected.

Less desirable are parcels that don't meet the minimum size, unless they are adjoining to other parcels that are in protection or if multiple potential parcels are together. Parcels not in danger of being developed.

Also use GIS maps to get profile of natural resources on target property. Use onsite visit to flesh out the outline of natural resources.

The group needs to think about developing a set of criteria that is suitable for protection objectives.

Note there are about 2,250 parcels in New Ipswich.

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Bob Boynton, and SECONDED by David McTigue, All in attendance were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Mallett