

Salisbury Planning Commission  
Minutes of the July 19, 2021 Meeting – DRAFT

Members present: Ariell Slater, Barrie Bailey, Morgan Cate, Deb Brighton  
Also present: Katie Raycroft-Meyer, ACRPC

Ariell called the meeting to order at 7:00 and soon turned the meeting over to Katie to show us the maps that John VanHoesen had created, incorporating the commission's comments. The first map showed two categories of priority forest blocks and the connectivity areas. The second showed the forest blocks and conserved parcels. The third showed the forest blocks with wildlife crossings and possible movement. Members had a few questions, mainly about consistent terminology, that Katie will try to resolve. There was general agreement with the content of the maps and appreciation for the clarity and effectiveness. Thank you, John!

The discussion moved to the goals and objectives. Katie noted that some plans have goals and objectives, and others have goals and policies. Members agreed to continue the practice in our current plan of using goals and objectives. The current Natural Resources section will be updated to include a single goal relating to forest blocks: Maintain and improve the ecological integrity and function of Forest Blocks and Habitat Connectors. (The names may be changed to be consistent with the maps). Katie will compile a list of objectives supporting this goal from the ones submitted by the commission, and others that she feels the commission may want to consider. These will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Barrie offered some wording that members felt would probably be appropriate in the discussion of why protecting forest blocks is important—rather than in the list of goals and objectives.

As an update on the digester, Deb reported that Lance Butler met with the select board July 13 and indicated that he would be open to some sort of online reporting and communication system. John Beattie said that Vanguard had the staff, the resources, and responsibility for setting it up.

Ariell reported that the village center application was nearly complete, and that she would ask for the select board's approval on July 27. Katie said that she would look over the application and write a supporting letter from ACRPC confirming the town's planning process.

Minutes of the June 7 meeting were approved unanimously.

Barrie read a paragraph updating the town forest section of the plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36.  
Submitted by Deb Brighton