

MINUTES OF THE
CURRENT USE BOARD

CU Booklet Subcommittee Meeting

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DATE: August 8, 2018

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Department of Revenue Administration – Training Room, 109 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Lindsay Webb, Susan Bryant-Kimball, Mary Pinkham-Langer, Linda Kennedy

MEMBERS of the PUBLIC:

Jasen Stock, NH Timber Owners Association (NHTOA)

Ms. Webb explained the work she had completed over the past couple weeks that included making sure all the laws and rules were current and relocating the soil potential index information to the back of the handbook. A brief discussion followed about when the booklet would be published, before or after the rules have been updated. It was reported the hope of the rules committee was to have the current draft rules adopted by March in time for them to be implemented into the handbook for April 1, 2019. It was also mentioned the narratives may have to be reworked such as agricultural betterments, if the proposed rules are adopted.

One significant change in the rules is the addition of the approval, denial, appeal and withdrawal processes to the application process. A review will need to be completed to make sure the rules and description in the handbook are consistent. Other discussion points included defining what information should be included on a map, understanding when a new map is required and the process for a Town to provide a map when there isn't one on file. A suggestion was made to include the date to follow a change in tax maps, if necessary, and prepared by as well additional information relating to the timelines for applying for current use in the various examples.

A lengthy discussion followed about examples Ms. Bryant-Kimball provided illustrating maps based on different scenarios. Examples included a 22-acre parcel with 1.5 acres being left out of current use for a home, curtilage and betterments and the remaining 20.5 acres enrolled in current use. The map also included a fire pond (wetland), a log landing, and a fence corner and utility pole as examples of boundary landmarks. Another example was a boundary line adjustment between two properties, a 5-acre parcel not in current use and abutting property of 23-acres in current use and a third example to be provided enrolling contiguous parcels into current use.

It was mentioned there was a proposed change to the identifiable boundaries in the rules. The current rule requires the boundaries be marked on the ground by pins, for example; the proposed change, *“landmarks and location which will enable the municipal assessing officials to distinguish the non-current use land from current use land.”* The concentration is more on the not in current use land marked by identifiable, existing landmarks; something that can be found not necessarily by pins.

Next Meeting

No meeting was scheduled.

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