

# Current Use Advisory Board

## History

The Current Use Advisory Board was established in 1973 to establish criteria including minimum acreage requirements, current use categories and value ranges; adopt administrative rules and suggest any changes to statute to the legislature.

## Make-Up

The Current Use Advisory Board includes 14 members that have a wide range of backgrounds and interests focusing on forest and farmland use (RSA 79-A:3). The members include representatives from the following state agencies: Department of Agriculture, New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and the Department of Revenue Administration. A representative from the University of New Hampshire, College of Life Sciences and a representative from the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions also sit on the Board. There are two members from the legislature, one representative and one senator, and three assessing officials representing cities and towns (all of differing population sizes). There are also three public members, one of whom owns forest and one who owns farmland.

## Responsibilities

The Current Use Advisory Board meets regularly to determine the range of values for farmland and forest land for each year, discuss and recommend administrative rule changes, discuss current use issues from the public, and keep abreast of any legal cases and law changes – providing input as needed. The Board holds three public forums in different parts of the state in late fall/winter to provide education about any rule changes and provide an opportunity for assessing officials and landowners to comment on current use changes and rules.

### RSA 79-A

RSA 79-A was adopted by the New Hampshire Legislature in 1973. Its stated purpose is to “encourage the preservation of open space, thus providing a healthful and attractive outdoor environment for work and recreation of the State’s citizens...”

## Current Use Board Members

If you have questions about current use, you may contact your local assessing officials, a Current Use Board Member listed below, or the NH Department of Revenue Administration at (603) 230-5096 or by email at [cub@dra.nh.gov](mailto:cub@dra.nh.gov).

### Current Use Board

*The following information is provided at the discretion of the Current Use Board Members.*

Member	Representing	Address	Email Address	Term	* Term Length
Senator Ruth Ward	Senate	State House 107 North Main Street - Room 105-A Concord NH 03301	Ruth.Ward@leg.state.nh.us	N/A	Coterminous w/Senate term
Representative Timothy Josephson	House of Representatives	722 NH Route 118 Canaan NH 03741	Timothy.Josephson@leg.state.nh.us	N/A	Coterminous w/House term
Shawn Jasper	Department of Agriculture	PO Box 2042 Concord, NH 03302	shawn.jasper@agr.nh.gov	N/A	Employment / Appointment
Susan Francher	Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	PO Box 1856 Concord, NH 03302	sfrancher@dncr.nh.gov	N/A	Employment / Appointment
Jon Wraith	Life Science & Agriculture, UNH - Dean	UNH - Office of the Dean 59 College Road Durham, NH 03824	jon.wraith@unh.edu	N/A	Employment / Appointment
Rick Evans	Department of Revenue Administration	PO Box 487 Concord, NH 03302	Rick.Evans@dra.nh.gov	N/A	Employment / Appointment
Barbara Richter	NH Conservation Commission	54 Portsmouth Street Concord NH 03301	Barbara@nhacc.org	N/A	Employment / Appointment
Glenn Normandeau	NH Fish & Game	11 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301	Glenn.Normandeau@wildlife.nh.gov	N/A	Employment / Appointment
Jonathan Rice	City Official	City of Rochester 31 Wakefield Street Rochester NH 03867	jonathan.rice@rochesternh.net	2 Years	4/11/2018 - 3/15/2020
Norman Bernaiche	Assessing Official, Town < 5,000 Population	Town of Newbury PO Box 296 Newbury, NH 03255	assessor@nl-nh.com	2 Years	2/10/2016 - 12/23/2019
Andrea Lewy	Assessing Official, Town > 5,000 Population	Town of Stratham 10 Bunker Hill Ave Stratham, NH 03885	alewy@strathamnh.gov	2 Years	3/23/2016 - 12/23/2019
Susan Bryant-Kimball	Public - Forest Land	172 Taterboro Road Sandwich, NH 03227	Susan.Bryant.Kimball@gmail.com		5/27/2015 - 9/9/2019
Thomas Thomson	Public	173 Strawberry Hill Road Orford, NH 03777	N/A	N/A	12/20/1995 - 11/16/2020
Chuck Souther, Chair	Public - Farm Land	580 Mountain Road Concord NH 03301	chuck@applehillfarmnh.com	N/A	3/6/2013 - 11/16/2020

Contact the Board Clerk at (603) 230-5096 or by e-mail at [cub@dra.nh.gov](mailto:cub@dra.nh.gov) for information.

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Term information received from the Secretary of State's Office.

This document may be found on the DRA website at:

<https://www.revenue.nh.gov/current-use/documents/board-members.pdf>

**CURRENT USE CRITERIA BOOKLET**

**Current Use Assessment Ranges**

April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021

FARMLAND	\$25 - \$425 per acre	*****
FORESTLAND	Forest Land <b><u>WITH</u></b> Documented Stewardship	Forest Land <b><u>WITHOUT</u></b> Documented Stewardship
White Pine	\$71 - \$106 per acre	\$118 - \$176 per acre
Hardwood	\$34 - \$52 per acre	\$57 - \$86 per acre
All Other <b>(Including Naturally Seeded Christmas Trees)</b>	\$23 - \$34 per acre	\$38 - \$57 per acre
Unproductive Land	\$23 per acre	\$23 per acre
Wet Land	\$23 per acre	\$23 per acre