

Sustainability & Natural Resources Management Board

Minutes: 2 17 26 Special Meeting

Approved:

Attending:

Community Forest Working Group:

Dave Griswold

Conservation Working Group:

Jane Costlow

Natural Products & Agriculture Working Group:

Grant Roberts

Sustainability Working Group:

Catherine Mardosa

Mayor's Representative:

Councilor Matt Duval, EXCUSED

Planning Board Representative:

Bob Hayes

Excused:

Counselor Duval, City Manager Crowell

Staff:

Lauren Caffé, Samantha Peikes

Guests: NP&AgWG: Kathy Shaw, Chloe Meyers, David Bell, Chris Carson, Michelle Malaragno, Chelsea Eaton

Recorder: Dave Griswold

Call to Order: 5:35

1. **Minutes** for 10 2 25 and 1 8 26 were approved.
2. **Public Participation:** None
3. **Review proposed ordinance language from City Council regarding protection of soils, wetlands and slopes from solar and residential development in the AGRP zoning district and provide feedback for City Council consideration:** Following discussion, the SNRB voted unanimously to endorse the proposed ordinance language, with the suggestions that a. clarification is needed for whether the city or landowner is responsible for the cost of evaluations done by a soil scientist to verify the soils on site, and b. that presence of PFAS on site should be considered during the site evaluation process.

4. Discussion of the Future Land Use Map and Comprehensive Plan process to date:

Lauren Caffé and Sam Peikes provided information about the development of the Future Land Map. Discussion and Q&A followed, providing the SNRB and Working Group members to make suggestions to staff. Discussion and suggestions centered on the extent of the high growth footprint; importance of cluster development to allow recreation trail and natural corridors through the high development zone; the importance of maintaining a natural Little Androscoggin River corridor; questions about how many AGRP acres have been included in the high growth district, therefore likely to be rezoned; possibility of avoiding high growth directly bordering low growth areas; and concerns about specific tracts.

5. New Business: Chloe Meyers spoke about the need for city and community support to be provided for holders of new farm plans, in order to make their enterprises successful.

6. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: April 9, 2026

Adjourn: 7:25