

# LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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1 May 7, 2018

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3 The Town Council meeting was held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, Town Hall,  
4 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH.  
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6 Present: Chairman John Farrell; Vice-Chairman Joe Green; Councilors Tom Dolan & Ted  
7 Combes; Town Manager Kevin Smith; Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik; Executive  
8 Assistant Kirby Brown; Absent: Councilor Jim Butler  
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## 10 CALL TO ORDER

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12 Chairman Farrell called the Town Council special meeting to order. Councilor Combes led  
13 the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for those who serve  
14 us both here and abroad.  
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## 16 PUBLIC COMMENT

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18 Chairman Farrell invited up John Goglia, 12 Black Forest Circle, from the Senior Resources  
19 Committee to present to the Council about the drive up post office box that the post office  
20 has agreed to put in the median between the Library and the Police Station. Motion to  
21 approve the post office box made by Councilor Dolan and second by Vice Chairman Green.  
22 Chair votes 4-0-0.  
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24 Building Inspector Richard Canuel presented Building Safety Month.  
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26 Chairman Farrell invited up member of the Londonderry High School Senior Class and their  
27 advisors to present to the Council their senior class gift in which they would like to do an  
28 electronic sign for the High School. The students stated the reasons why the town could  
29 benefit from it is they could save money with maintenance having to change out the sign  
30 every week, to if there is an emergency it will be easy to let the public know. The students  
31 went through the cost and process. The reason they are going in front of the Town Council  
32 is that Londonderry Town Ordinance does not allow electronic signs. The Council discussed  
33 the process with the students and what their next steps should be. Kathy Wagner suggested  
34 going to the School Board first, Heritage Commission next and then to the Town Council.  
35 Wagner stated that it is a big can of worms because if we give the high school an electronic  
36 sign then we are showing others that they can get one. She wants to make sure we go about

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37 it the right way. The students stressed that they are under a time crunch because they need  
38 an answer before the end of June. Richard Canuel, Building Inspector said that other  
39 companies have gone through the ZBA process and there are some electronic signs in the  
40 town. Richard Canuel suggested that they can put stipulations in for the variance as well.  
41 The Council thanked the students and applauded them on their presentation and stated that  
42 they will do what they can to help out.

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### **PUBLIC HEARING**

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46 Motion to enter public hearing made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor  
47 Combes. Chair votes 4-0-0.

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49 Chairman Farrell introduced Ordinance #2018-02, an amendment to the Municipal Code,  
50 Title II, Chapter XXVIII, Relating to the Approval of Sanctioned Recreation Groups,  
51 Section IV, Eligibility criteria. Town Manager Smith stated that this is so the town can  
52 request random audits of the sanctioned recreation groups. Motion to approve Ordinance  
53 #2018-02 made by Vice Chairman Green, who also recommends it. Second by Councilor  
54 Combes. Chair votes 4-0-0.

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56 There was no comment from the public.

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58 Old business is a public hearing as well. Ordinance #2018-01. Lisa Drabik presented.

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

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62 Chairman Farrell introduced Ordinance #2018-01, an amendment to the municipal Code,  
63 Title III, Land Use Codes, Chapter IV Conservation Areas Relating to Kendall Pond Parking  
64 Lots. Assistant Town Manager Lisa Drabik stated that this was a public hearing at the last  
65 meeting and since then members of the Friends of the Kendall Pond and Conservation  
66 Commission to discuss the issue and see if they can come to a conclusion. Drabik stated that  
67 they would like to recommend that the Council adopt the parking lot Ordinance as is. Signs  
68 will be installed reflecting the hours and permitted uses. The signs have already been  
69 designed by Conservation Commission and Steve Cotton. It was agreed to by the Friends  
70 of Kendall Pond. They would like to leave the logs in place until further research can be  
71 done about non-electric gate.

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73 Deanna Mele, 8 Valley St, shared with the Council and read into the record her letter to the  
74 editor. Please see attached letter.

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76 Motion to approve Ordinance #2018-01 made by Councilor Dolan. Second by Councilor  
77 Combes. Chair votes 4-0-0.

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79 Motion to close public hearing made by Councilor Dolan and second by Vice Chairman  
80 Green. Chair votes 4-0-0.

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### NEW BUSINESS

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84 Chairman Farrell introduced Order #2018-08 and Order #2018-09, which has two separate  
85 invoices. Order #2018-08 will come out of the Cemetery Maintenance Fund. Order #2018-  
86 09 will come out of the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund for various Projects. Motion  
87 to approve Order #2018-08 and Order #2018-09 made by Vice Chairman Green and second  
88 by Councilor Combes. Chair votes 4-0-0.

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90 Mike Speltz made a presentation regarding the potential conservation land, Map 6, Lot 81-  
91 1. See attached PowerPoint. Chairman Farrell stated that the Town Manager should engaged  
92 with Mr. Flier.

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94 Chairman Farrell stated that the Town Council will hold their goals so that Councilor Butler  
95 can participate.

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### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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99 Motion to Approve Town Council minutes from April 16, 2018 made by Vice Chairman  
100 green and second by Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 4-0-0.

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### TOWN MANAGER REPORT

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NONE

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### ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER REPORT

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110 Councilor Combes asked what the timing is on the RailTrail crosswalk being complete.  
111 Town Manager Smith stated that he is going to get a date on that for him.

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113 **ADJOURNMENT**  
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115 Motion to adjourn made by Vice Chairman Green and second by Councilor Combes.  
116 Chair votes 4-0-0.

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118 Notes and Tapes by: Kirby Brown Date: 05/07/2018  
119 Minutes Typed by: Kirby Brown Date: 05/11/2018  
120 Approved by: Town Council Date: 05/21/2018

# Letters

## Lovely Meet and Greet

To the Editor;

Several Londonderry Middle School Eighth-Graders recently toured the State House. It was my pleasure as Londonderry's State Representative to greet to greet them. I make it a point to be there whenever our Londonderry students visit. I want to thank Mr. MacLellan and the other attending teachers, assistants and parents who accompanied the students. Our tour guide was Virginia from the Visitor's Center who always gives a great historical overview of the State House. In the Hall of Flags, she relates many stories on how New Hampshire contributed to the Revolutionary and Civil Wars and of course always points out our first American in Space, Alan Shepard's picture. We then brought them to Representatives Hall where she involved them in a mock session on how bills were discussed and voted. It seems the mock issue for this tour was whether or not to have free drivers education. This presented some interesting discussions! After I said a few words about how and why our country was formed, we answered questions before moving on to the Senate Chamber. There, Virginia explained how the senate works. We then went on to the Executive Council's conference room where they learned how the Executive Council works with the Governor. The students engaged in very thoughtful discussions and posed several insightful questions. I am always impressed with the level of knowledge and preparation our Londonderry

school district imparts to our young citizens. The State House offers a wonderful place to explore a part of New Hampshire's history and to see where our state policies are debated. I encourage all to visit the State House and see how such a small state made a huge impact in our nation.

Doug Thomas,  
State Representative,  
Londonderry

## Parking Gate at Kendall Pond

To the Editor;

Is the conservation committee being held hostage in order to get the parking area at the Kendall Pond gated? This is the impression I got watching and listening to The April 16th Council Meeting.

The conservation committee stated initially they weren't the ones who wanted a gate. Jim Butler (council member) told me recently he is the one who wanted and wants the gate.

At this April 16th meeting Jim Butler stated, [I feel spoke condescendingly] that the Council saved the Conservation Committee \$20,000 in the Griffin Road purchase. And they can't give \$15,000 for a gate? I did not like his tone or body language when he said this. Griffin Road has nothing to do with Kendall Pond. Then Council Tom Dolan suggested perhaps the Town Council give \$10,000 & the Conservation \$10,000. He further stated if conservation areas are not to be kept open for the public use then perhaps (we the Council / Town) should stop giving them money. Intimidations? I feel the

Conservation Committee spent much time researching, looking at all avenues including a gate. For those representing us to say such things, I feel is way out of line.

John Farrell then stated if they do not pay for the gate then maybe the town would come up with the money. At the beginning he stated the town did not want to give any money.

Please, watch this meeting on local cable access or online, (April 16, 2018, Town council meeting). Listen to their tones; watch their body language and facial expression. Then decide for yourself if you feel there is more to this than a gate.

Are things being said to make it look like Kendall Pond has the worst problems than any other area in town? I strongly wonder!

I have left messages for both Tom Dolan and John Farrell Monday April 30 I have not yet heard back from them.

Deanna Mele  
Londonderry

## NEGTC Owners Retire

To the Editor;

After 24 successful years in business, we have decided to retire and sell our New England Gymnastics Training Center (NEGTC) property. We will both turn 67 this year and want to start traveling and enjoying life with family and friends. We can't begin to fully express our deep gratitude for your business, support and all the friendships made over the years.

We started NEGTC from scratch in July 1994 on Route 111 in Hudson and our business was suc-

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# Proposed Open Space Purchase Conservation Easement



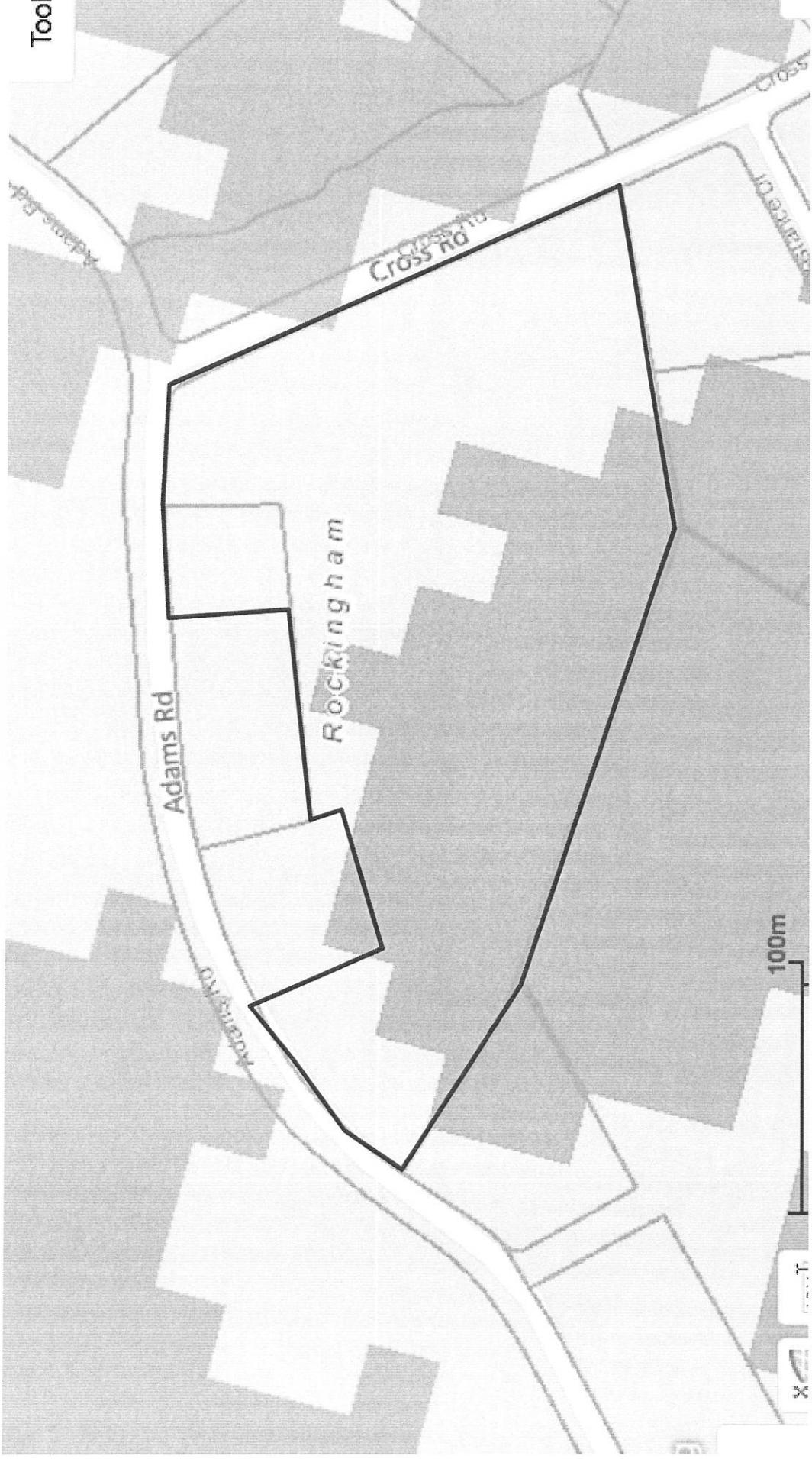
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blue lines are lot lines



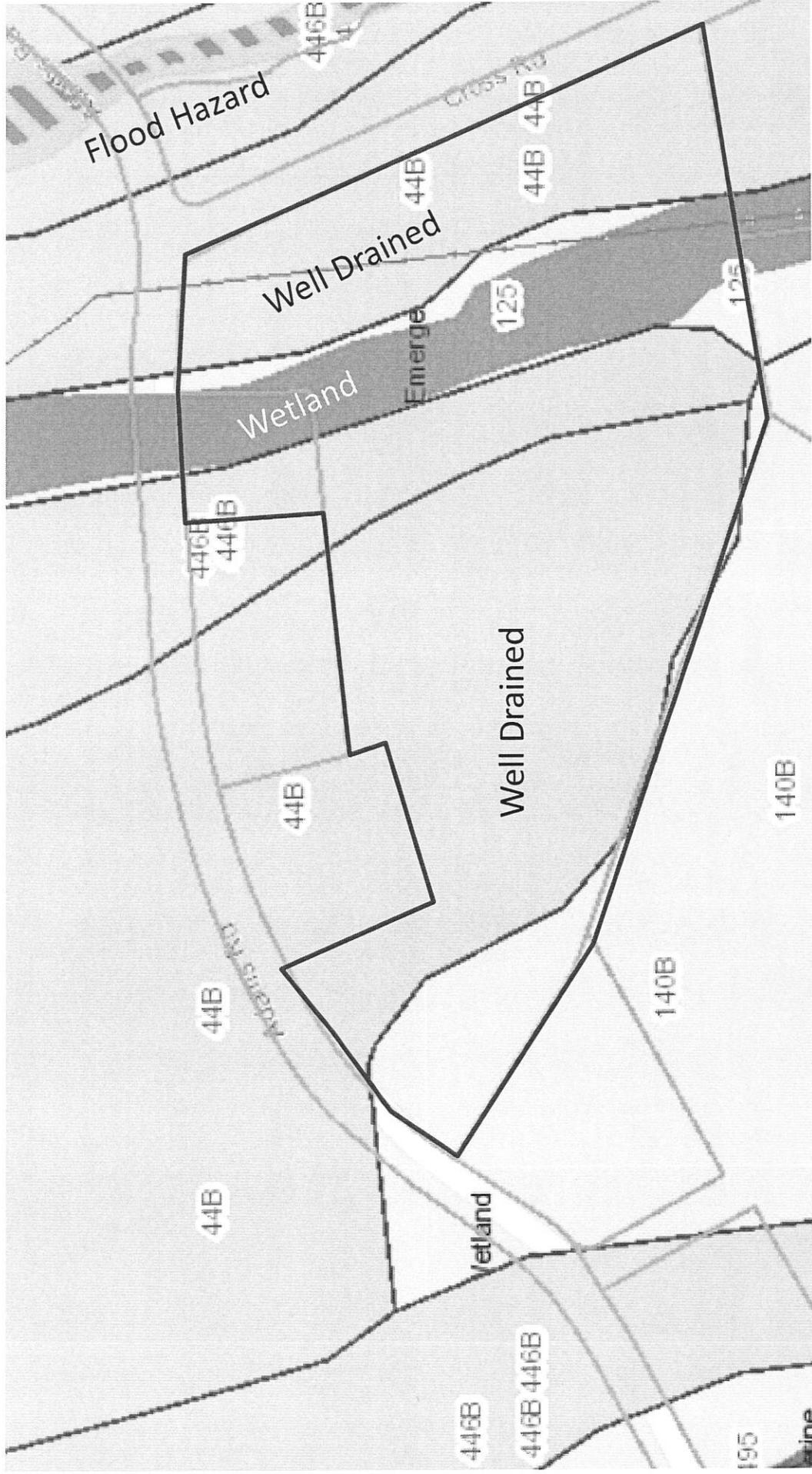
# Abutted and Farmed by Moose Hill Orchard



# Best in Bioregion Habitat



# Soils are Prime Farmland, Top Tier Pine Forest Soils



# Protects State Designated Apple Way



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**Town Clerk Tax Collectors  
Office Hours of Operation:  
Monday-Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm**

## Londonderry's Apple Way

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### The Apple Way Scenic Highway

The state of NH had designated the roads connecting Londonderry's five orchards as a scenic highway, called The Apple Way. A brochure and map of the Apple Way can be obtained from the Londonderry Town Hall. The text from the brochure is included below. A map and high points tour is available from the link on the right.

### Historical Background on the Apple Way

Since 1719 when the first Scotch-Irish settlers brought their flax seed and weaving skills to the area known as Nutfield, agriculture has been an important force in Londonderry. These skillful pioneers soon created a thriving business producing fine thread and linen which was much in demand in New England and Europe. The potatoes they cultivated soon became a staple in every New Englander's diet. And they planted apple trees, which would become a major crop for local farmers.

Londonderry's five orchards – Woodmont, Sunnycrest, Elwood, Moose Hill, and Merrill's in North Londonderry – are a vital part of what makes Londonderry special. Londonderry's apple growers not only contribute to the local economy, but also provide valuable open spaces. Londonderry's Apple Way, a designated New Hampshire Scenic and Cultural Byway, winds past orchards, old farmhouses and local landmarks, reminding residents and visitors alike of our heritage. Come discover our past on the Apple Way!

# 7-lot Conventional Subdivision

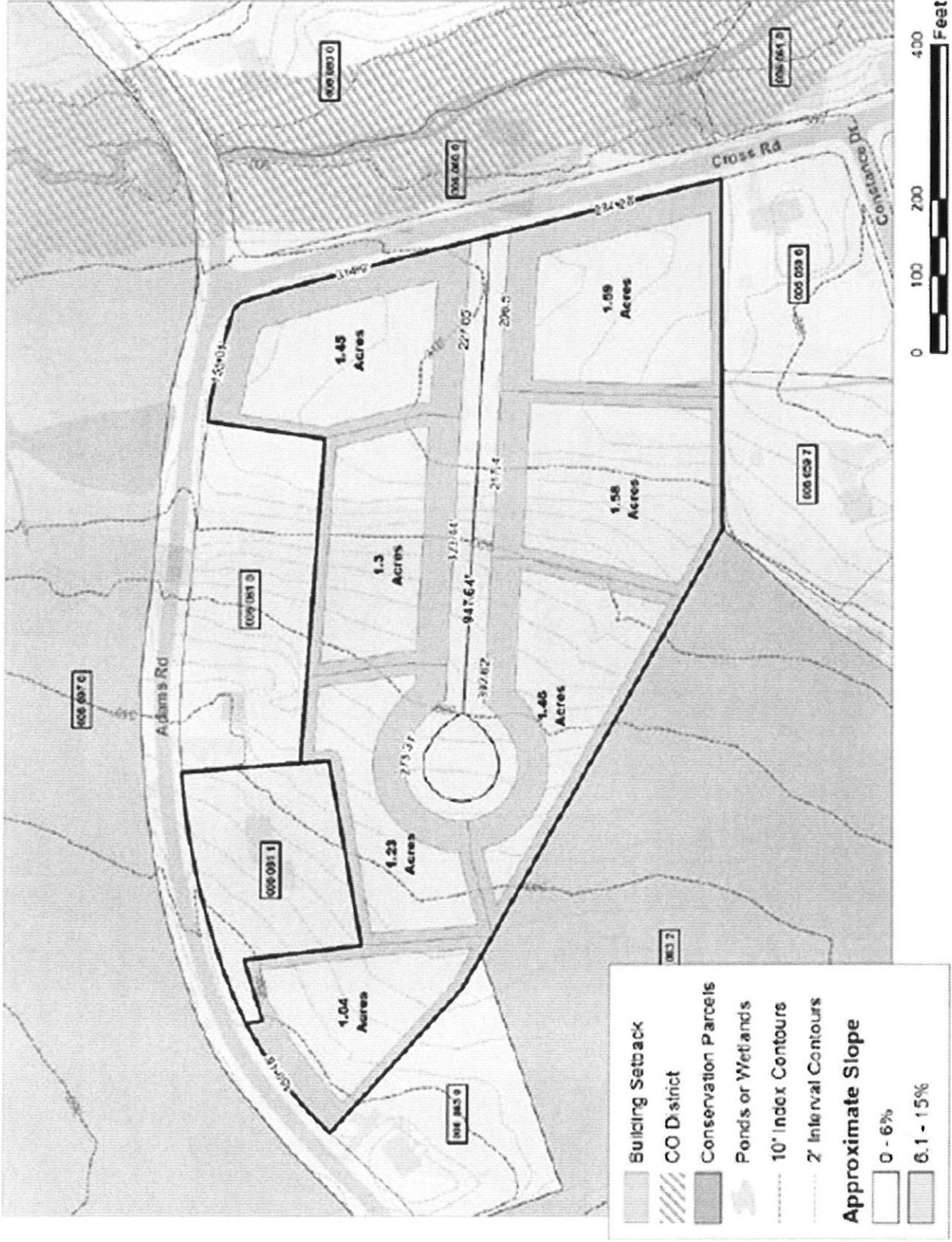


Figure 3. Conventional Subdivision with CO District

# Development Option 2: 55+ Housing

## 12-18 Units, Row House Style

### Constraints:

- Max 8 units/acre
- Must be row houses
- 30' bldg. separation
- Max bldg. length 150'
- Max visible side 75'
- 40% open space
- 25% of open space is developable



# Questions & Comments



450 ft