

Bancroft Informational Meeting Summary

Bancroft Town Office, 18 Schoolhouse Road,
3-5 p.m., 3/19/2015

Residents and property owners in attendance: 18

Attending for the Land Use Planning Commission: Samantha Horn Olsen, Marc Russell, and Ben Godsoe

Meeting Summary:

The meeting started with brief introductions. Samantha Horn Olsen talked about the overall structure of the agency and described the statutory authority under which it operates. Marc Russell described the permitting and compliances services provided by the Commission.

Marc and Samantha answered questions from people in attendance. Some topics discussed in more detail included:

- The Commission's Home Occupation standards;
- Wetland delineation, and the rules and standards that would apply to alterations of certain wetlands (e.g., creation of a man-made pond);
- The application process for getting a building or development permit;
- How accessory structures are treated in the Commission's rules and standards; and
- A few other topics of interest.

Ben Godsoe presented draft land use inventory maps currently being developed for Bancroft. The maps displayed water resources, habitat and other natural resources, as well as existing development. The group discussed the different management, development, and protection subdistricts that may be appropriate for Bancroft given the existing resources in town.

The group discussed a few areas in town where it may be appropriate to plan ahead for future growth. The Commission's General Development subdistrict would allow small-scale commercial activity that is compatible with residential development. A good example of this would be a small neighborhood store. Several locations in town were discussed as potentially being suitable for this kind of development. Some examples include: Spring Valley Farm, on the Kelly Road and the downtown area near the town office.

At the next meeting, Commission staff will present a draft zoning map based on information gathered during the land use inventory and feedback from residents and property owners in Bancroft. If you could not make the meeting but would like to ask a question or provide a comment, please contact us.