

GOFFSTOWN OPEN SPACE ORDINANCE REWRITE SUBCOMMITTEE

September 23, 2025

In Attendance: Barbara Griffin, Colleen Mailloux, David Neiman, Bruce Buttrick, Betty Vaughan

Meeting Convened at 7:00 p.m.

Draft minutes from September 10 are not ready for review yet. The Committee has not yet approved the draft minutes from August 28. C. Mailloux suggested deferring action on the minutes to the next meeting.

C. Mailloux reviewed the changes to the draft ordinance. The group suggested edits to the purpose and objectives to reduce repetitiveness and to clarify passive recreation. The committee asked about the definitions in the ordinance. C. Mailloux explained that they are in the existing ordinance. The committee is recommending that, as part of the revision to the OS ordinance, the overall definition of buildable area be revised to identify special flood hazard area as excluded from the buildable area calculation.

The Committee discussed presenting the modifications to the ordinance to the planning board. C. Mailloux stated that JoAnn Duffy needs red-lined language by October 27 for the 11/6 Planning Board meeting. C. Mailloux will make the revisions discussed and the Committee will review final proposed language and vote on a recommendation to the Planning Board before October 27. B. Griffin stated that the committee can continue to work on the development regulations so that the appropriate revisions are incorporated into the overall development regulations update.

B. Griffin presented items provided for consideration by the Town Engineer and the Town's consultant who is working on the development regulations regarding evaluation of feasibility of the yield plan. Financial feasibility is difficult to review, but suggestions provided from engineering include limiting side slopes, soil types / exclusion of soils from lot calculations, maximum retaining wall height, economic feasibility. B. Griffin shared lot-sizing calculations from the Londonderry zoning ordinance, by soil type. It was acknowledged that soils and slopes in Goffstown are different from Londonderry. Lot sizing by soil type will be further explored by B. Griffin. The consensus of the committee is that the buildable envelope should be increased to 100'x100'.

Motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. by B. Griffin. Seconded by B. Buttrick. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Colleen Mailloux