

LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1 August 14, 2017

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3 The Town Council meeting was held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth
4 Road, Londonderry, NH.

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6 Present: Chairman Tom Dolan; Vice-Chairman John Farrell; Councilors Ted Combes, Jim Butler and Joe
7 Green; Town Manager Kevin Smith; Executive Assistant Kirby Wade

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9 CALL TO ORDER

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11 Chairman Dolan called the Town Council special meeting to order. Chairman Dolan led the Pledge of
12 Allegiance. This was followed by a moment of silence for those who lost their lives in the terrible events
13 that happened in Virginia and for the men and women in uniform serving us here and abroad.

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15 PUBLIC COMMENT

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17 Chairman Dolan stated that there are no public hearings tonight. Chairman Dolan invited up the
18 Londonderry Police Department to give an off highway recreational vehicles grant presentation (OHRV).
19 Lt. Patrick Cheetham presented. Lt. Cheetham stated that he is also joined by Srgt. Scott Balukonis who
20 has been a member of the OHRV program and who is a member of the Londonderry Police Department.
21 Lt. Cheetham recognized Srgt. Balukonis for his achievement of fifteen years of service this year with the
22 Police Department. Lt. Cheetham stated that the OHRV program allows the department to not only
23 respond to calls for service outside of a public way or where the cruisers can't take them, but also allows
24 the department to address some of the concerns the citizens have about four wheelers or dirt bikes causing
25 damage. Over the last decade the department has had the opportunity to apply for and receive grant funds
26 from the NH Fish and Game Department. Srgt. Balukonis took the initiative this year and applied for the
27 grant. Srgt. Balukonis stated that he is looking to have the Town Council know that he is allowed on behalf
28 of Chief Hart and the Londonderry Police Department to accept the money to resume the departments
29 OHRV patrols. This money will allow the department to do some directed patrols into these certain lands,
30 specifically the Rail Trail and the town forest. The Council authorized both Chief William Hard and Srgt.
31 Scott Balukonis on behalf of the Police Department and the Town of Londonderry. Chairman Dolan asked
32 for a motion to accept the grant for the purposes described. Motion to accept the grant money made by
33 Councilor Green and second by Vice-Chairman Farrell. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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35 Chairman Dolan talked about the carbon monoxide issues happening with some of the police vehicles in
36 and around the area. Chairman Dolan invited up Chief Hart to give a brief overview on how the department
37 is handling it. Chief Hart stated that they have put CO2 detectors in all of their cruisers. Chief Hart stated
38 that all of the vehicles have been checked and sealed appropriately.

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40 Chairman Dolan invited up Conservation Commission member Mike Speltz to present the prospect open
41 space purchase for Griffin Rd Map, Lot 26 and Map 3, Lot 40. See attached PowerPoint. Speltz stated he
42 is not looking for a vote but a general reaction and advice on whether they should proceed with an appraisal

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43 and continue working with this developer.

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PUBLIC HEARING

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OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

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55 Chairman Dolan introduced Order #2017-21, an Order relative to the expenditure of Maintenance Trust
56 Funds for various projects. Steve Cotton presented. Motion to approve Order #2017-21 made by Councilor
57 Green and second by Councilor Combes. Chair votes 4-0-1. Vice-Chairman Farrell obtained because of a
58 conflict of interest.

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60 Town Manager Kevin Smith introduced the Sansoucy Agreement. George Skip Sansoucy has done the
61 Town's utility appraisals for many years. Skip approached the Town about going to an annual appraisal
62 instead of doing it once every five years as Londonderry is a utility rich community. Smith stated that they
63 looked over the proposal given to them and doing it annually will cost more than doing it once every five
64 years but would we pick up enough in utility assessments every year such that the net would be more
65 revenue for the town by doing it annual as opposed to doing it every five years. The initial proposal would
66 be for a three year assessment from 2017-2019 to try it out. Otherwise the town would do the regular
67 assessment in 2019. It would be done in two equal payments of \$82,000 in FY19 and FY20. We didn't
68 budget for it in FY18.

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70 Skip Sansoucy, 31 Scenic Ridge, Whitefield, NH and Town Assessor Rick Brideau presented. Motion to
71 support the process as presented Vice-Chairman Farrell and second by Councilor Combes. Chair votes 4-
72 1-0. Councilor Green voted against.

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74 Chairman Dolan introduced the veteran's tax credit. Town Manager Smith stated this this tax credit is for
75 all veterans and has been passed by the legislature. The recommendation would be, it won't take effect
76 until April 1st, 2018, to phase this in over three years starting at \$100 in year one, \$300 in year two and
77 \$500 in year three. Qualifications would include 90-days of active duty.

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79 Chairman Dolan introduced the first reading of Ordinance #2017-05, an amendment to the Zoning
80 Ordinance relating the use and storage of multiple travel trailers on property in the AR-I district. The
81 public hearing will take place at the next Town Council meeting on September 11th. Motion to waive first
82 reading made by Vice Chairman Farrell and second by Councilor Green. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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84 Chairman Dolan introduced the first reading of Resolution #2017-04, a Resolution relative to the
85 discontinuance of highway Appletree Lane. The public hearing will take place at the next Town Council
86 meeting on September 11th. Motion to waive first reading made by Vice Chairman Farrell and second by
87 Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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89 Chairman Dolan introduced the first reading of Ordinance #2017-06, an Ordinance requiring automated
90 sprinkler system installation in new and existing assemble occupancies including bars. The public hearing
91 will take place at the next Town Council meeting on September 11th. Motion to waive first reading made
92 by Vice Chairman Farrell and second by Councilor Combes. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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94 Chairman Dolan introduced Ordinance #2017-07, restriction of use of Town property to remove water
95 from bodies of water for commercial use. . The public hearing will take place at the next Town Council
96 meeting on September 11th. Motion to waive first reading made by Vice Chairman Farrell and second by
97 Councilor Combes. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT/RE-APPOINTMENT

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102 The Town Council voted to approve the resignation of Gary Vermillion from the Budget Committee.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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106 Approval of Town Council minutes from July 10, 2017 made by Councilor Butler and seconded by
107 Councilor Combes. Chair votes 3-0-1. Vice-Chairman Farrell was absent last meeting.

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TOWN MANAGER REPORT

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111 Town Manager smith discussed the unaudited FY17 report. He discussed the expenditures and the
112 revenues. Smith stated that the town has a pretty healthy unassigned fund balance right now.

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ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER REPORT

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ADJOURNMENT

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125 Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Green and second by Councilor Butler. Chair votes 5-0-0.

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127 Notes and Tapes by: Your name Date: 08/14/2017

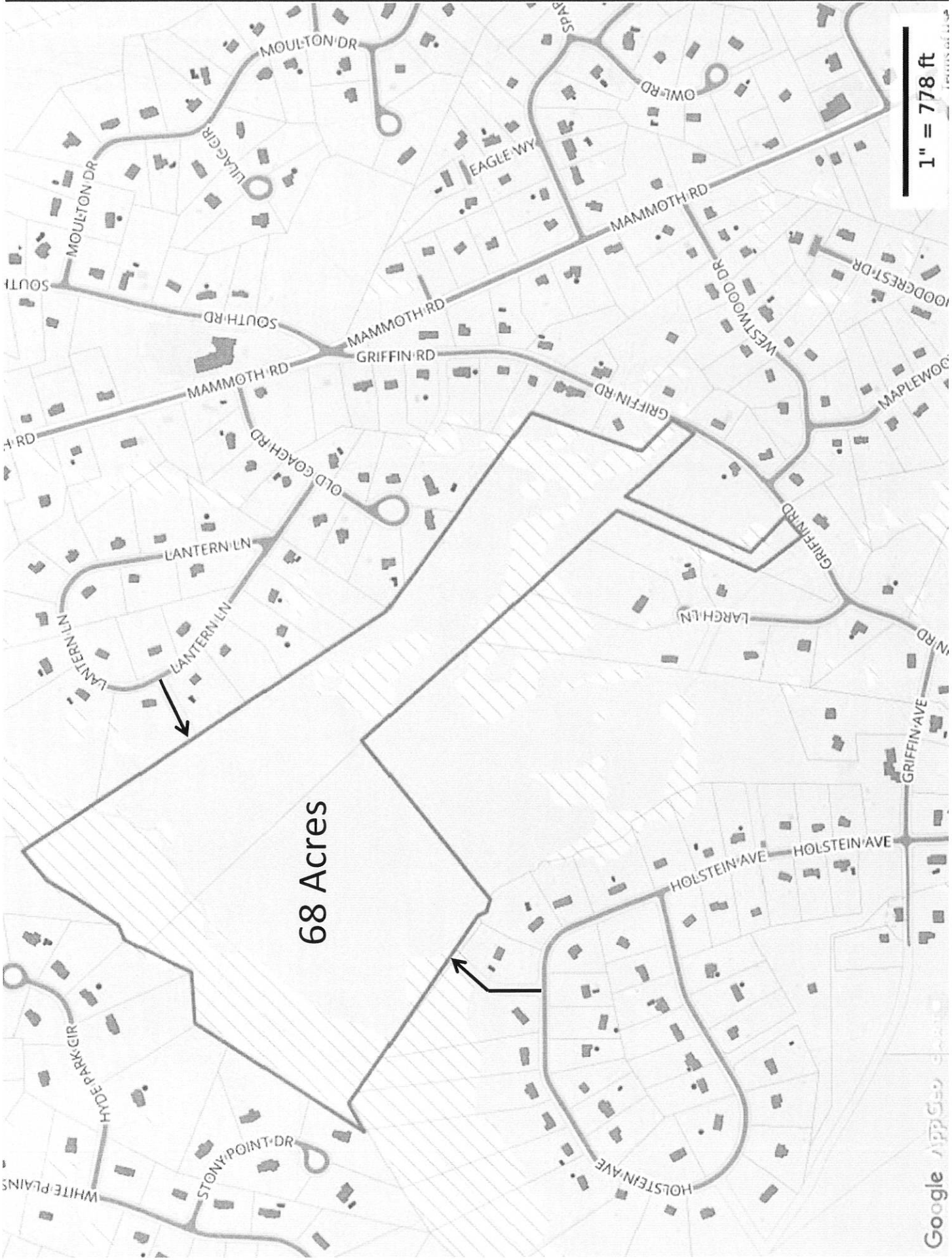
128 Minutes Typed by: Kirby Wade Date: 08/24/2017

129 Approved by: Town Council Date: 09/11/2017

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Prospective Open Space Purchase

Map, Lot 26 and Map 3, Lot 40



68 Acres

1" = 778 ft

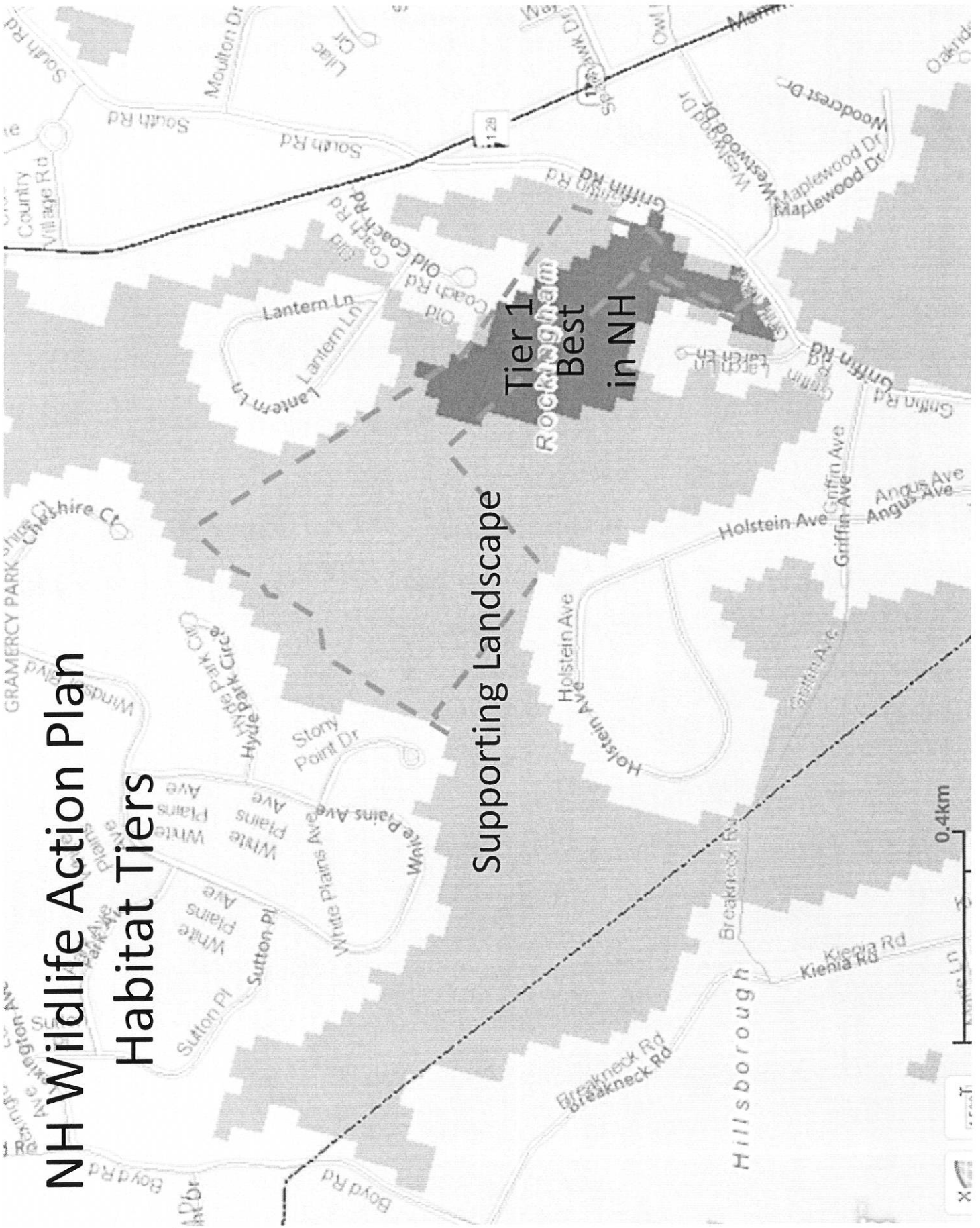


NH Wildlife Action Plan

Habitat Tiers

Supporting Landscape

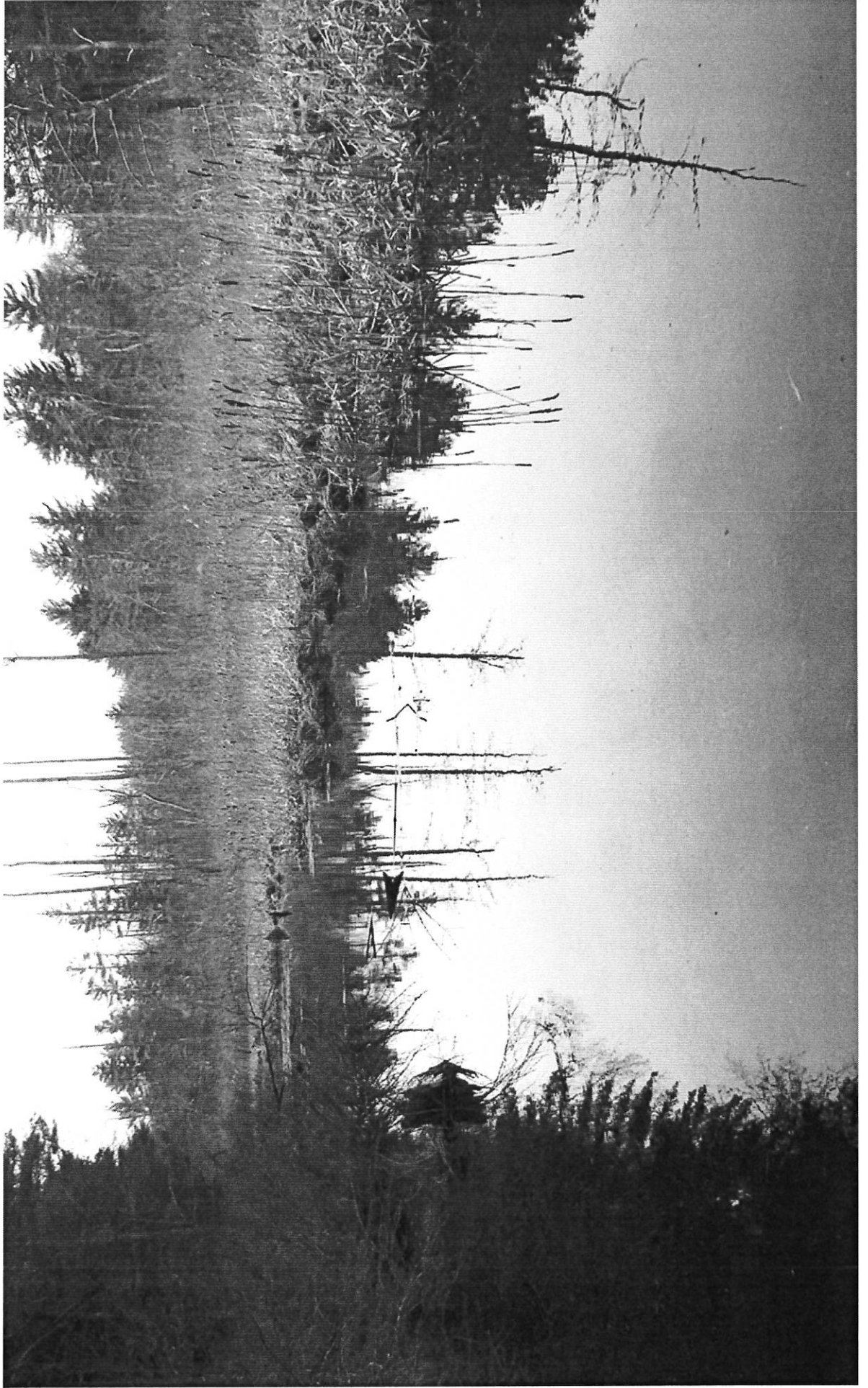
Tier 1
Rockingham
Best
in NH



Tier 1 Wetland Habitat



Long Swamp



Potential House Lots Overlooking Long Swamp



Next Steps

Assuming the Counselors feel the project is worth investigating...

- Refer project to the Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) to negotiate purchase price
- JNC consults with staff, commissions appraisal, negotiates purchase price
- Conservation Commission approves purchase price
- Town Council approves purchase