

## NATURAL RESOURCES

Their general concerns were:

1. is the language too vague - like using the word "consider" - ie is the language directive enough.
2. the long vague zone gap of goal and implementation. There have been project conflicts where the planning board has referred to the CP as not having specific enough language to give them direction, so they base decisions strictly on ordinances without exploring what falls outside of the language of law and into the desires of the community.

I made language more directive on a few of the strategies, but otherwise the above recommendations need more discussion.

Other items that we discussed:

1. That the Conservation Commission be included at the BEGINNING of all project reviews (or as Denise said: before) to review natural resource impacts, if any - Added
2. User friendly maps that clearly delineate priority focus areas - these are in development, as you know, Maybe a stronger or direct statement about mandatory reviewing, referencing them? - Added in form of checklist. They should be included as part of the package that is submitted at the *first* Planning Board meeting
3. Use the Conservation Checklist for all projects in development and will be submitted for review soon - Added
4. Refer to the OSP for funding decisions and potential adverse project impacts. The OSP committee and update is attempting to make this a working document - Added
5. "Best Practices" *required* for all projects near to or impacting priority resources (ie not just "considered"). There may be a priority ranking that will be recommended – Covered by existing strategies
6. Community Resilience Program - did you leave that in? Our conservation leaned towards mentioning it, but not making the recommendation too specific, in case this particular program is not always available. It is included as an example of a partnership the town should enroll into. The Cons Comm is strongly in favor as per the 2 meeting with BwHabitat and working collaboratively with adjacent municipalities and receiving FUNDING
7. Funding for educational outreach to keep resident better informed - resource protection, conservation projects, trail networks, recreational opportunities, well and water issues, septic, sewer and other issues,etc. The Conservation Commission essentially does not have a budget and has difficult accessibility to the town communication network. – Added
8. Increase all shoreland protection to 250 ft – this is more specifically called out in the Land Use section as it pertains to a specific zone boundary.
9. prevent infill of all wetlands, not just some. – based on this comment and our discussion at the meeting, I compromised somewhere in the middle Increase vernal pool protections – Included
10. Upgrade all construction standards - roads and sitework - during construction to minimize site impacts. Require an ongoing impact plan after construction is completed
11. Analysis of business impacts on water resources - quality, quantity – needs further clarification, as in already established businesses? Not sure this is possible
12. Climate change items: carbon sequestration & reduction plan, extreme weather events analysis, plans. – added based on our conversation at the meeting
13. Ordinance review and updates to accomplish these goals