

2006 NH Land Conservation Coalition Meeting

Thursday June 15, 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Conservation Center, 54 Portsmouth Street, Concord, NH

Agenda

8:30-9:00 a.m. Coffee and Networking

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

9:15 a.m. Agriculture and Land Conservation in New Hampshire

Steve Taylor, Commissioner, NH Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food

- What are the current trends in NH agriculture?
- How do best management practices protect agricultural resources?
- What can the conservation community do to help support agriculture in NH?

9:45 a.m. Protecting Farms with Conservation Easements

Steve Hundley, Manager of Farm and Ranchland Protection Program

- What are the requirements for FRPP funded projects?
- How do soil conservation plans protect natural resources?
- Are conservation easement provisions that protect farmland flexible enough for future farming practices?

10:15 a.m. Break and Refreshments

10:30 a.m. Farming on Easement Property

Nate Merrill, Dairy Farmer, Stuart Farm, Stratham

- What concerns do farmers have in dealing with agricultural easements?
- How can land protection assist farmers in sustainable agriculture?

11:00 a.m. Discussion

How can land conservation, specifically conservation easements, be structured to protect natural resources and still enhance the viability of working farms in NH?

11:45 a.m. Updates on Federal Land Conservation Funding

12 noon Adjourn or Brown Bag Lunch State Conservation Funding Meeting

Will Abbott and Chris Wells, of SPNHF Policy Department, invite everyone interested in state land conservation funding to bring a bag lunch and stay for a discussion about future conservation funding possibilities. No RSVP necessary. For more info contact Will or Chris at wabbott@forestsociety.org or cwells@forestsociety.org.

Please pre-register by contacting Pat Fleury at 224-9945 x 328, pfleury@forestsociety.org. You are welcome to pass this information on to anyone who would be interested in this program. For more information or questions about the Conservation Coalition, contact Barbara Richter at 224-4240 or email brichter@forestsociety.org.