

Strafford Natural Resources & Land Use Committee  
Meeting Minutes

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Date of Meeting: 06/04/2024  
Location: Strafford Town Hall

**Attendees:** Philip Lovejoy, Liz Evans, Eric Sideman, Charles Burnham, Phil Auger, Steve Leker, Laura Pomerleau

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- **Meeting** convened 4:10PM
- **NRI discussion-**
  - Review of other towns NRIs for research
  - Benefits? How is this NRI going to benefit the town? It will be an important tool for the town planning board to utilize
  - Online availability and interactive maps may prove the most beneficial - needs good user interface
  - Strategy for Public education – how to use the NRI
  - Cost? \$10,000-\$50,000
    - Timeline for funding – looking at budgeting for 2025
    - Grant money vs using town funds
    - May be on the lower end of estimate – the town has NRIs from past years NRI completed by Bear Paw Conservation, which can be used as a baseline
  - The “old maps and homesteads data” could prove beneficial to the NRI as well
  - Strafford Connect to Protect - their data may be helpful; Phillip will be meeting with them again on 6/10
- **Other items**
  - Straf-farm – understanding this is a busy time for farmers, the initiative to create the farm/farmer network will be paused for the time being
    - An email will be sent to those on the list with available resources and explanation that this project will be resumed after the summer
- **Action Items**
  - Philip to follow-up with Sereta Frey
  - Phillip to look more into funding options outside of towns budget
  - Steve to send spreadsheet of contacts to Philip
    - Liz and others to contribute to any additional email contacts to list
    - Philip will send email/correspondence to individuals on the list
- **Next meeting – Tuesday, 09/10/2024**
- Meeting adjourned 4:40PM 06/04/2024