

Newington History – MINUTES

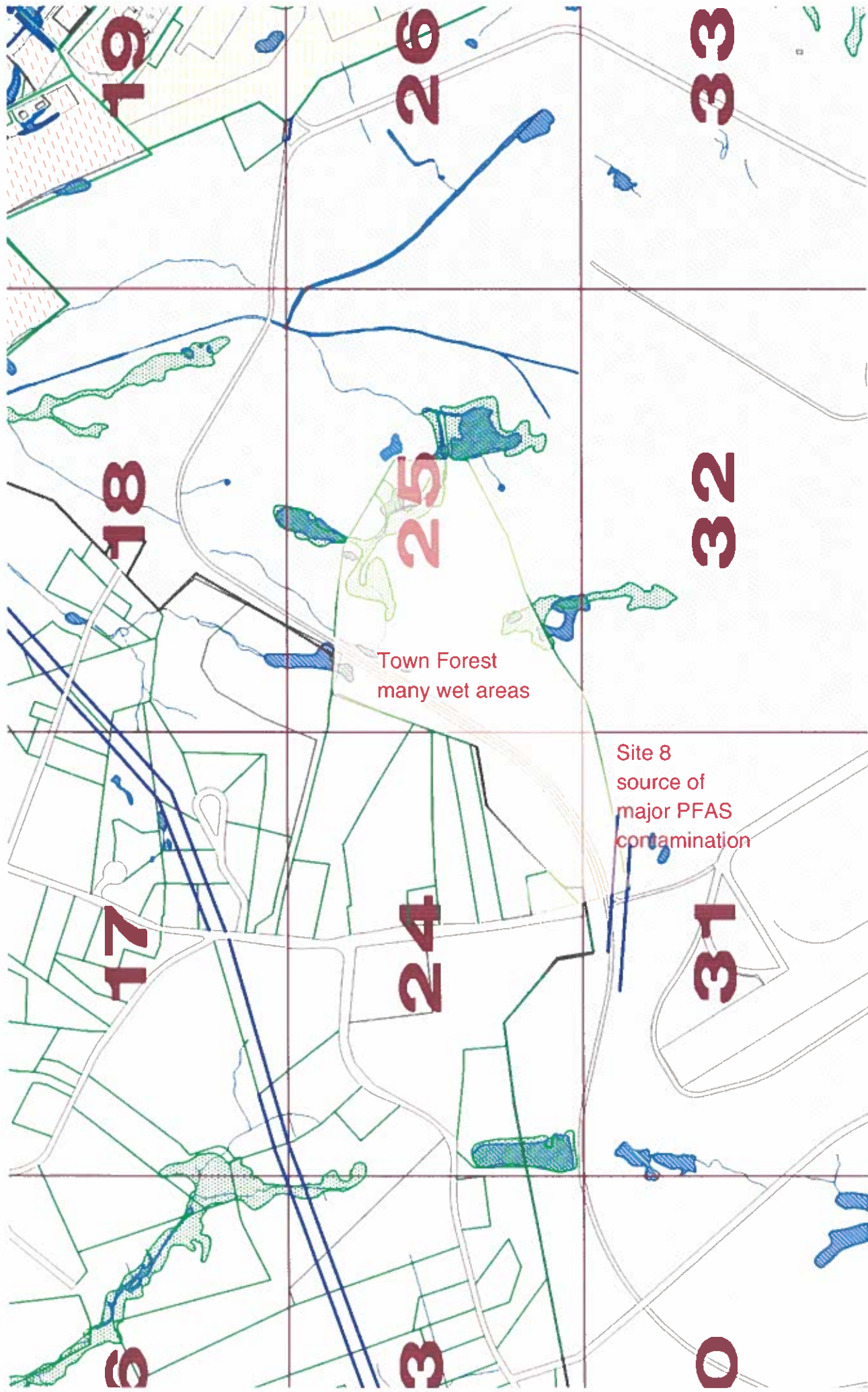
March 22, 2021, 10:37 a.m. – 12:16 p.m.

Old Town Hall

Members	<div><div>√ Jo Haskell</div><div>Alternate (2023)</div><div>√ John Lamson</div><div>Member (2021)</div><div>Peggy Lamson</div><div>Member (2023)</div><div>Mike Marconi</div><div>Member (2020)</div><div>√ Katie Moody</div><div>Alternate (2023)</div><div>√ Lulu Pickering</div><div>Member (2023)</div><div>√ Kristen Poulin</div><div>Alternate (2023)</div><div>√ Becky St. Germaine</div><div>Alternate (2023)</div><div>√ Alan Wilson</div><div>Member (2022)</div></div>
Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Corrected the date of the meetings in the minutes and approved the minutes of February 22, 2021 on a motion by Katie Moody, seconded by John Lamson, all in favor.
Town Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussed the outcome of town meeting and the status of the bike path.HDC members are supportive of bringing more people into the historic district to enjoy this unique part of town and are happy to work with the safety lane committee on its next steps.
Town Forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deer are often hunted in the Town Forest off Arboretum Drive.See attached map of mountain bike trails in the Old Town Forest from the Trailforks.com website. Several named trails, with a total distance of 8 miles, have already been established for mountain biking, hiking, trail running, snowshoeing, and Nordic skiing.This area has a lot of polluted water, streams, and wet areas that are contaminated with high levels of PFAS from the old Pease site 8 fire training area. See attached maps of the Town Forest boundaries and streams and wet areas in Newington.Signage is a good idea to notify people using the area of water safety issues. Certainly, people and pets should not drink the water.The selectmen are planning to coordinate a group to discuss recreational uses of the Town Forest, which may include the use of motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles.The Town Forest is listed on the National Register of Historic Places but is not part of the Old Town Center Historic District.The HDC is happy to work with the other groups to bring more people into this part of town that dates back to the original land grant from Dover.
Boundaries in the Old Town Center Historic District	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Alan Wilson and John Lamson will work with the library trustees and the selectmen to finalize the boundaries for the proposed memorial garden (unmarked burials) and the boundaries around the library to be under the jurisdiction of the library trustees.They will try to attend the meeting of the trustees at 2:00 pm today. Alan's understanding is that the boundary on the north side is agreed at 80 feet from the library. John will follow up on the 10-foot buffer around all parts of the cannons.

Bloody Point Historic District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lulu updated everyone on the discussions from the NH DOT Zoom meeting on the General Sullivan Bridge and historic mitigation for its planned removal. • NH DOT now says that it has every intention of transferring the property to Newington and the only way that would not happen is if Newington does not agree to the terms. • The Selectmen will be sending a letter to NH DOT to request a meeting to discuss a memorandum of understanding about what the State will commit to and what will be left to Newington to follow through on. • Many more details to be decided but present discussions are to transfer the property to Newington at no cost, to improve the outside land area for public access, and as a minimum to stabilize the building – all paid as part of historic mitigation requirements. • Newington will not get a fully rehabilitated building and will likely be responsible for improving the internal rooms of the building for reuse by the public. Preservation grants may be possible to pay for some of this cost.
Meeting adjourned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion by John Lamson, seconded by Alan Wilson, all in favor, adjourned at 12:16 pm.
Eversource SRP historic mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The booklet on the history of agriculture in Newington is available in the town office. The Historic Society has one copy. • Lulu attended the February 24, 2021 Zoom meeting by the NH Preservation Alliance that focused on the overall Section 106 process rather than the history of agriculture in Newington. • Several HDC members viewed sections of the cables that travelled under Little Bay over the years. They are mounted inside an educational display together with a background containing an historic narrative. The display will be mounted on a wall at some point for people visiting the Schoolhouse Museum to enjoy.

Lulu Pickering, March 22, 2021




Town Forest
many wet areas

Site 8
source of
major PFAS
contamination

Pease Trails Mountain Biking Trails

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Trails
Air Force Rd
Bloody Point Rd
Bones Spur
Barn Cross-Eyed
Carnel Humps
Gnome Hall
Gnome way
Hornets
KC-135
KC-46
Lost Rd
Middle Road
Morning Dew

Within the oldest town forest in the United States (incorporated 1710) is nestled approximately 5 miles of high-quality, fast, flow-y and fun singletrack. Placed between the north end of Pease ANGB's a field and the historic downtown of Newington, the trails don't make sense for the average walker or hiker, but come perfectly together on two wheels - they were cut with mountain biking mind. It is a very unique spot as the southern tip of Carnel Humps abuts the North Ramp of the Air Force base, with clear views of the aircraft taking off and landing at the mixed-used airport. Expect to have jet engines interrupt the peace and quiet of the forest.

Pease Trails are some of the fastest and flow-iest singletrack in the region, serving up tight switchbacks, shreddable corners, constant up and downs, and soft loam. What the area lacks in size, technicality, and vertical gains (most trails are easily accessible for beginners due to the topography and lack of rock gardens) it more than makes up for with quality and convenience. Being the only trail network just outside of Portsmouth city limits, it serves an excellent spot for lunchtime hot laps or post-workday grinds for those in the Seacoast area. There are approximately 4.5-5 miles of riding to be had here, but the area is very rewarding to those looking to explore - there are some offshoots to the network.

Multiple Access Points, but each parking area only has 2-3 spots (don't block people in) - street parking as long as your car is pulled off the road enough is also OK.

Primary Trail Type: Cross-Country
Land Status: Community Forest

Activities Click to view

Mountain Bike	Hike	Trail Running	Snowshoe
30 trails	29 trails	23 trails	6 trails

Nordic Ski
7 trails

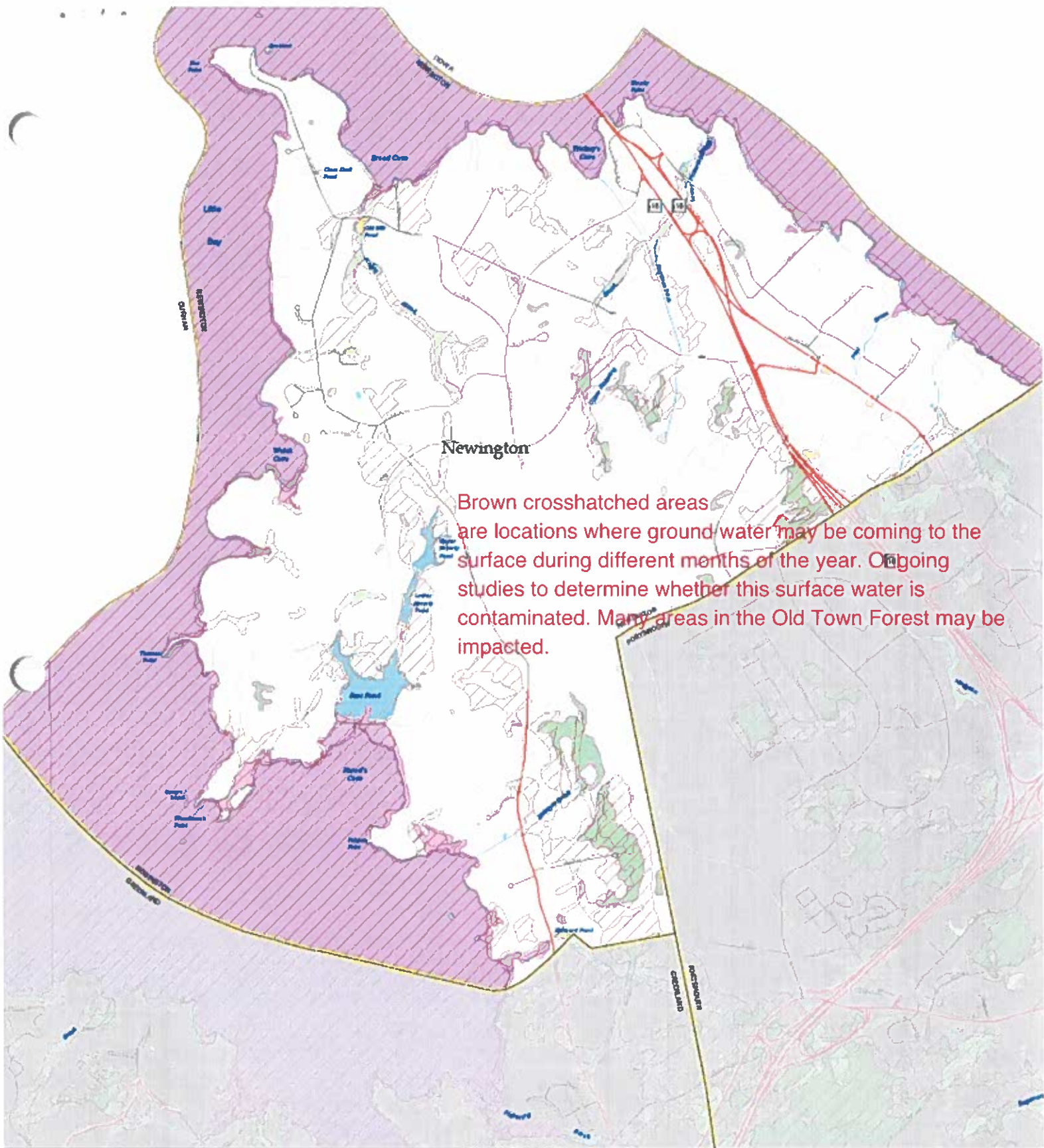
Region Details



Region Status
Open as of Jan 17, 2021

Stats

Avg Trail Rating	★★★★☆
Trails (view all trails)	30
Total Distance	8 miles
Total Descent Distance	2 miles
Total Descent	273 ft
Total Vertical	91 ft
Highest Trailhead	118 ft
Reports	29
Photos	30



Rockingham Planning Commission Standard Map Set

Surface Water Resources Map Newington Date: Fall 2015

Surface Water Resource Legend	
	Hydro Soil
	Water Shed Boundary
National Wetlands Inventory	
	Emergent
	Shrubland
	Forest
	Water
	Palustrine
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The US Fish and Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) is an ongoing effort to map and inventory the wetland areas within the United States. National Wetlands Inventory wetlands were delineated by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wetlands Inventory, and were distributed by GRANIT, Computer Systems Research Center. Map source scale 1:50,000. For more information on the National Wetlands Inventory website: <http://www.fws.gov/nwi>

Soil Based Wetlands - Hydro Soil
Hydro Soil Wetlands shown on this map are derived from soils classified as "very poorly drained" and "poorly drained" by the USDA National Resources Conservation Service. Soil boundaries are from NRCS Rockingham County Soil Survey, published at 1:250,000 scale. Soil wet boundaries that coincide with water body boundaries in the field will not always appear on this map, due to their differing data sources and scales. Information shown on this map is for planning purposes only. Data collection completed by Computer Systems Research Center, UNH, October 1998. Soil delineation based on field work, conducted by the USDA National Resources Conservation Service, completed in 1998.

Base Photoaerial Imagery, political and hydrographic features extracted from the UNH Digital Line Graph data, 1:50,000, as extracted in the GRANIT database at Computer Systems Research Center, Institute