

Attachment 2

PROPOSED WETLANDS PROTECTION SCHEDULE AND WARRANT ARTICLES

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As part of its Wetlands Protection Project, the Grantham Conservation Commission proposes a two-year schedule to achieve permanent protection of Grantham's valuable water and wetland resources as follows:

1. November 2012-January 2013: In November 2012, submit the results of the Grantham Wetland Inventory and Assessment Project to the Grantham Planning Board with the recommendations to: a) adopt an official Town Wetlands Map; and b) designate eight (8) Town wetlands as prime wetlands in accordance with RSA 482-A:15 and NHDES Rules Env-Wt Chapter 700. It is further recommended that each of these be recommended by the Planning Board for adoption by the Town by ballot in two warrant articles at the 2013 Town Meeting, and that the special public hearing required by RSA 482-A:15 on the designation of prime wetlands be held in December 2012, on a date that is at least 30 days after all affected landowners and abutters are given prior written notice of the hearing. Such notice should include a map delineating the boundary of the applicable proposed prime wetland. In addition to the schedule proposed herein, these recommendations, together with a full report of the Wetland Inventory and Assessment Project, will be presented by the GCC to the Planning Board at its regular December meeting.
2. 2013 Town Meeting
 - a) Adoption of an official Grantham Wetlands Map comprised of the Wetland Evaluation Unit Ranking map at Page A-5 of Appendix A, and an index of wetland evaluation units in substantially the form found at pages 1-2 of Appendix B, of the Grantham Wetlands & Assessment Project Final Report, completed in October 2012 by Ecosystem Management Consultants.
 - b) Designation of eight (8) wetland evaluation units as prime wetlands.
3. Late Summer 2013- Fall 2013: Revise and update existing town zoning ordinances to include a Wetlands Overlay District, submit to the Planning Board seeking a recommendation for adoption by the Town, and place a warrant article to adopt the ordinance on the 2014 Town Meeting ballot.

PROPOSED 2013 WARRANT ARTICLES

Listed below are two proposed draft warrant articles for adoption at the 2013 Town Meeting via ballot that implement the applicable recommendations outlined above.

1. **Official Wetlands Map:** Are you in favor of adopting as the official town wetlands map, the Wetlands Evaluation Unit Ranking Map, together with an index of wetlands evaluation units, listed in the Final Report of the Grantham Wetland Inventory and Assessment Project by Ecosystem Management Consultants, dated October 2012?
2. **Prime Wetlands Designation:** Are you in favor of designating the following wetlands, listed on the wetlands map in the previous article, as prime wetlands in accordance with RSA 482–A:15 and NHDES ENV-WT Rules Chapter 700?

<u>Wetland Name</u>	<u>Map Index Number</u>
Bog Brook	32
Chase Pond	1
Grass Pond West	26
Lily Pond	8
Lower Eastman Brook	37
Stocker Pond	50
Upper Dunbar Hill Beaver Pond	20
Upper Stroing Brook	30