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Town of Alton

POLICY FOR CURRENT-USE ASSESSMENT PROPERTY MAPS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

This policy has been formally adopted by the Alton Board of Selectmen in order to establish an accurate and standardized set of maps for all property under Current Use in the Town of Alton. Maps will accurately detail areas under Current Use Assessment to insure their fair and proper assessment.

The following guidelines and procedures are to be followed by all land-owners in the Town of Alton with property under Current Use. This outline serves to further detail Current Use application procedures and mapping as specified in RSA 79-A.

I. CURRENT USE MAPS - CRITERIA FOR ASSESSING PURPOSES

1) The following should appear on map:

- A. Landowner's name
- B. Tax Map and Lot # (s)
- C. Date of map
- D. Map scale (Example: 1" = 500')
- E. Name of person drawing map

2) Perimeter Boundaries

- * As shown on Alton Tax Map currently, or if boundaries have changed, must have a registered survey.

3) Acreage

Please include:

- A. Total acreage
- B. Acreage under various Current Use categories

4) Areas not under Current Use, such as around buildings or gravel pit areas, should be accurately drawn on maps. Lot measurements should be included to accurately assess acreage.

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5) CURRENT USE CATEGORIES (Map interior detail)

A. As a minimum, land types should be derived from an aerial photo. Preferable if combination of aerial photo interpretation and field cruise of property. (Aerial photos are available through the Town Forester at the Alton Town Hall, or at the Belknap County ASCS office in Laconia).

B. Itemize on map by:

a) Forest or land type (Ex. White pine type, wetland, etc.)

b) Acreage of each type

6) If map includes two or more separate parcels (so different tax lot numbers exist), then:

A. Parcels should be noted and labeled on map

B. Land type acreages should be calculated for each lot

II. MAP SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

1) All new applications for Current Use must include a map which meets the above outlined map criteria.

2) An updated map, which meets the above criteria, is due with every Current Use change on a property.

3) If property owner is planning a timber harvest:

A. If property is under Current Use, and map has not been updated, an updated map must be filed within 30 days of filing the Intent-to-Cut.

B. If Current Use status must be changed into the "Forestland" category, a revised Current Use application and updated map must be filed before cutting starts.

III. TOWN'S MAP UPDATING PROGRAM

The Town of Alton will have an ongoing program to update its Current Use records and maps as follows:

A. 10 properties per 3 - 6 months; done alphabetically.

B. Landowner must respond within 30 days.

C. Acceptable updated map due within 90 days.

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IV. TOWN FORESTER

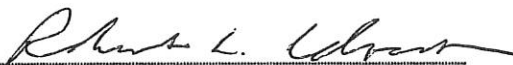
The Alton Town Forester will be available to:


- A. To review maps for the Town, checking timber typing and boundaries where necessary using Town's aerial photos and/or field inspection.
- B. To assist landowners with questions pertaining to maps.

V. PENALTY

Landowners not following the aforementioned policy will risk loss of Current Use Assessment status, on a case-by-case review basis by the Alton Board of Selectmen.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

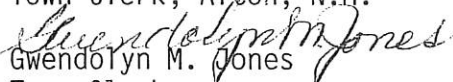

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