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Town of Boothbay Planning Board Workshop

**Tuesday, June 12, 2018**

**Boothbay Fire Station**

**Agenda**

**6:30 PM**

**Note: No decisions can be made on any application at a workshop**

**Due to primary polling, this meeting will be held at the Boothbay Fire Station**

- 1) Call meeting to order
- 2) Public comments
  - a) e-mail from Paula Arsenault on vernal pool protection (see next page)
- 3) Review and discussion on watershed protection issues and standards (see review materials)
- 4) Public Comments
- 5) Adjourn Meeting

Links to Review Materials

- 1) [BRWD Watershed overlay ordinance review document](#)
- 2) [Center for Watershed protection Code and Ordinance Worksheet](#)
- 3) [Draft Chapter 7 revised 5/14/18](#)
- 4) [Draft Definitions revised 2/20/18 with comments](#)

Paula ARSENAULT

May 26 (9  
days ago)

to me, jlorrain

Alan and Jason,

I am forwarding this email from Jason Anthony regarding vernal pool protection ordinances and measures for municipalities. Jason's focus and concern on this issue is of course motivated by recent events, and I for one am extremely grateful for his vigilance (despite the fact that he isn't actually a Boothbay resident). We share this concern - and alarm.

It is my hope - and prayer! - that our ever developing town of Boothbay will do everything we can to ensure we maintain our ecosystem and natural resources.

Please give this some time and thought.

Thank you.

Paula Ragsdale Arsenault  
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Boothbay, Maine 04537

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** jason anthony  
**Date:** May 25, 2018 at 1:43:52 AM EDT  
**To:** Paula Arsenault

"...here's a new-ish vernal pool protection/mitigation plan that towns can incorporate into their comprehensive plan and land use rules. (It's actually two years old, so maybe the ordinance review committee knows about it?) It's pretty well thought out, at first glance, and is the result of long-term discussions by state agencies, UMaine, conservation groups, etc. As you scroll through it you'll note just how scant current protection is for vernal pools, despite their well-documented importance to the larger forest ecosystems. (Note also the biological necessity of maintaining intact habitat between adjacent SVPs, which is exactly what CMBG's parking lots destroyed. The key species associated with SVPs need to travel between pools.) Bottom line in this voluntary arrangement is that for every VP impacted, two more plus 70 acres should be protected. They talk about 1000 ft protection zones, not the useless 250 ft range DEP uses, or the still-insufficient 750 ft zone the Corps uses. The document (link below) offers model ordinance language for a town to adopt.

[http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Portals/74/docs/regulatory/VernalPools/Maine\\_Vernal\\_Pool\\_SAMP\(2016-08-11\).pdf](http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Portals/74/docs/regulatory/VernalPools/Maine_Vernal_Pool_SAMP(2016-08-11).pdf)

Thanks,  
Jason "