

From: [Karen Bennett](#)  
To: [David L. Kent](#)  
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2010 8:34 AM  
Subject: Re: City of Keene and steep slopes

Hi Dave,

Thank you for your thoughts. I and the rest of the committee take the comments people make about the potential use Good Forestry may be put very seriously. I hope to work on this concern- not just how Good Forestry is used by town boards, but how town boards affect the practice of forestry in other ways.

Would you like your email to be included as part of the public comment on the second draft?

Karen

At 08:10 AM 4/12/2010, you wrote:  
Karen,

Thanks for sending this out, by the end of the evening I was informed about this as well but people were already leaving and I figured an email like this would be sent to correct the information. The main point I was trying to make is this is it is a clear example of how well intended information can and often does get used by well intended individuals in the wrong way due to a poor understanding of the big picture.

I would also like to thank you and everyone involved in the production of the document. My comments have been made in a spirit of improving the end product.

Hopefully, the end product will help educate all those that use it that forestry is a vital component of natural resource conservation, that relies on economically viable practices and procedures in order to exist.

Forestry needs help not hindrance if it to remain viable in New England. My greatest fear is that the next update of this document might be titled "Little or no forestry in the Granite State". We need to realize that this document my well be used by those who do not understands the benefits of the working landscape and have an agenda to stop forestry operations by any means possible.

Thank you for listening once again, back to the trenches.

Dave Kent

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Subject: City of Keene and steep slopes

Hello,

As a result of last night's comments regarding steep slopes and especially the concern expressed about Keene's ordinance, I did a little research on Keene's ordinance.

At the risk of telling you something you already know-- the restrictions related to forestry were removed from their ordinance. Walt Lacey confirmed this in an email. Here are links to the relevant original ordinance and the amendments.

Amendment -

[www.ci.keene.nh.us/sites/default/files/2010\\_03\\_18\\_council\\_agenda\\_packet.pdf](http://www.ci.keene.nh.us/sites/default/files/2010_03_18_council_agenda_packet.pdf) – page 92

Slopes and driveways -

[http://www.ci.keene.nh.us/sites/default/files/2009\\_12\\_17\\_council\\_agenda\\_packet.pdf](http://www.ci.keene.nh.us/sites/default/files/2009_12_17_council_agenda_packet.pdf) - pages 49-51

Original

[http://www.ci.keene.nh.us/sites/default/files/2009\\_10\\_15\\_council\\_agenda\\_packet.pdf](http://www.ci.keene.nh.us/sites/default/files/2009_10_15_council_agenda_packet.pdf) 65-72

Walt did say it took a five-month effort on his part and that of his brother to see the ordinance was changed.

I know I left last night's meeting with an erroneous impression about the situation in Keene. I pass this along for your information and not to imply that the comments made won't be addressed.

Thank you for participating in the public meeting for the second draft of Good Forestry.

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