



## Town of Casco

### Open Space Commission Meeting Agenda

August 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Casco Community Center

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#### Regular Meeting

1. Review and approval of the meeting agenda
2. Review and Approval of the Notes from 7-21/25
3. Public Participation for non-Agenda items

#### Resilience Planning Work

##### 4. a. Map Work

- Schedule Review of Inventory of Existing Parcels
- Review "Existing Conditions" Summary
- Future Work: Watershed maps for Water Quality Work

##### b. Outreach/Engagement Plan

- Discuss Community Outreach Event – Pizza Party  
Where/When/How/Etc.
- Review Save the Date Card

#### Ongoing Work

##### 5. a. Loon Echo Collaboration

- Maggie Lynn update.

##### MRPA CEU and CORA GRANT information

- Casco Day Parade – Spirit Award!

##### b. Photo Contest Update

##### c. Rattlesnake Wilderness Focus & Strategy

#### Broader Focus

##### 6. a. Following Work in Other Committees (Water Quality/Safe Streets/Comp Plan Implementation/Planning/Select etc.)

##### b. Berry Property Stakeholder's Group

#### Comments from the Commissioners

#### Save the Dates

7. a. Next Open Space Meeting Reschedule Monday, September 15th  
New DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**b. September 27th: Woodland Owners Annual Appreciation Day instead (Hosted by LEA)**

Camp Wawenock, Raymond

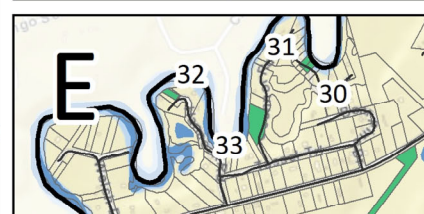
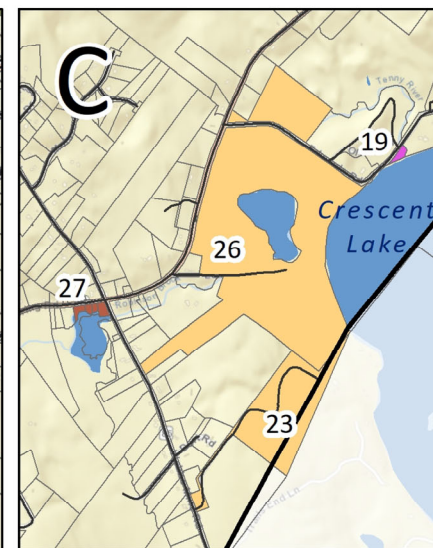
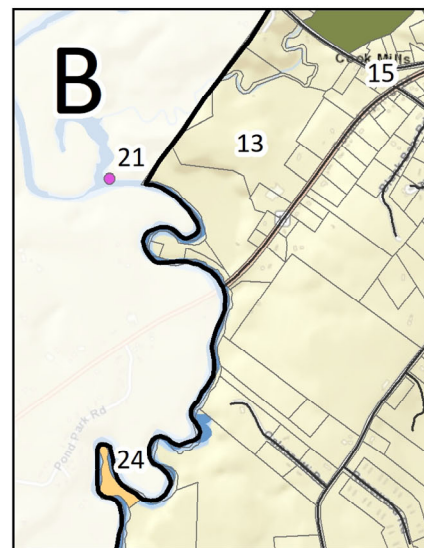
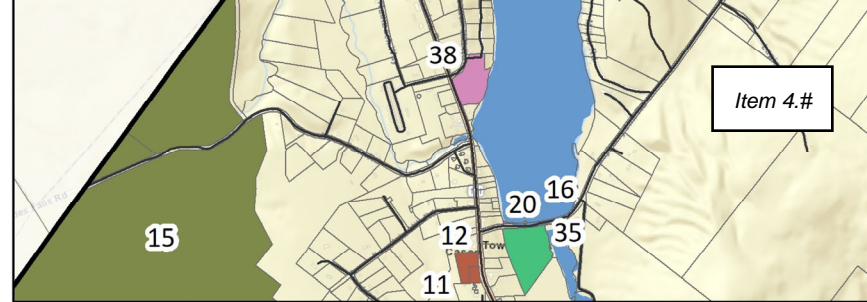
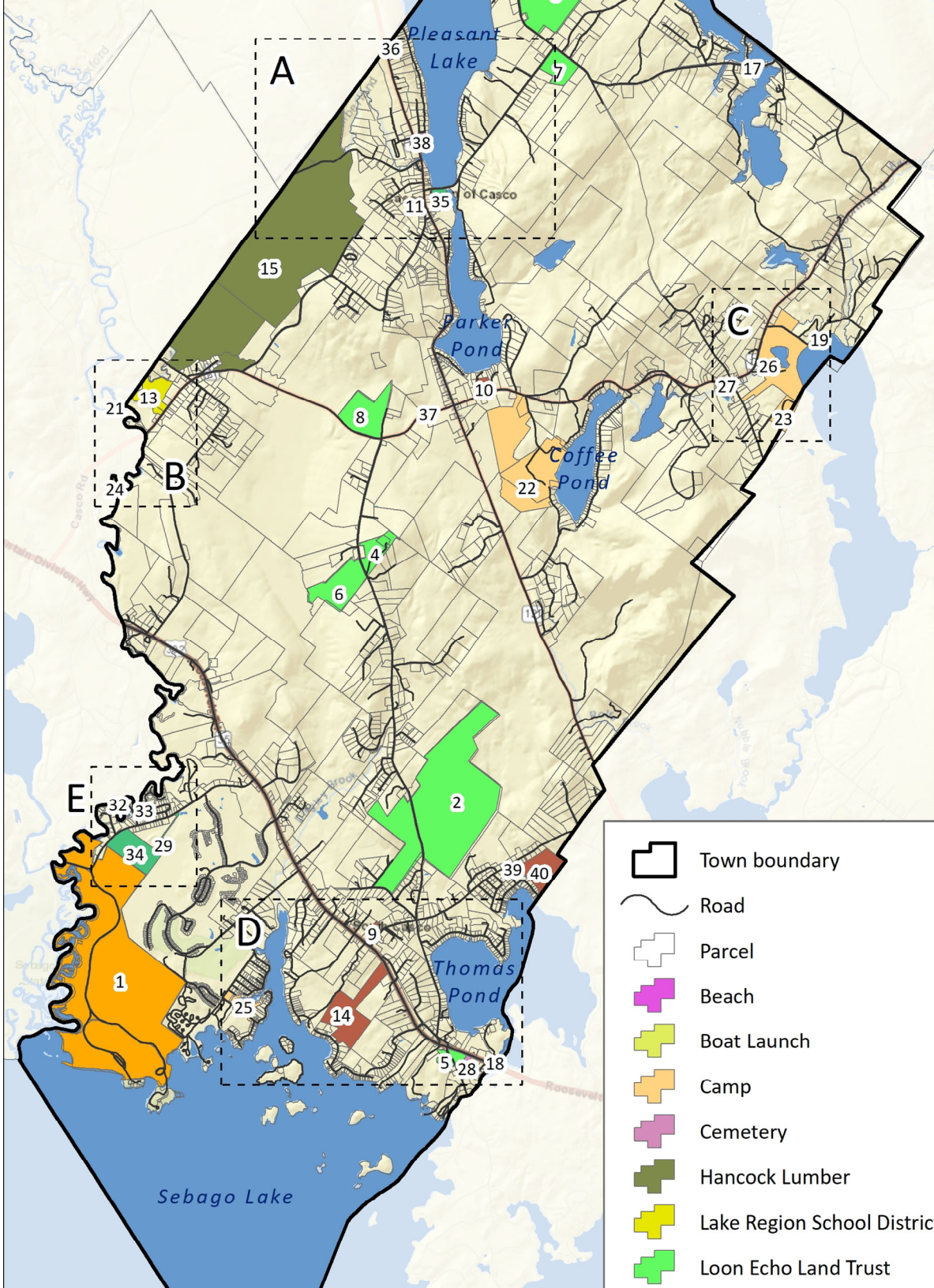
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**c. October 19th: Jugtown Walk**

### **Adjournment**

**Reminders to the Attending Public:** Open Space Commission meetings are open to the public, but the public may not speak unless recognized by the Commission Chair or Vice Chair in their absence. Except during a public hearing, comment time is limited to 2 minutes per speaker during public participation or on agenda items. Matters related to personnel will not be heard.





# Inventory of Conserved Land, Parks, & Open Spaces



# Developing: Casco's Open Space Plan



***The Town of Casco is launching a new Open Space Plan to help shape the future of our forests, trails, lakes, and natural areas.*** This effort will identify the places our community values most—whether for walking, paddling, wildlife, scenic beauty, or simply enjoying the outdoors—and offer a roadmap for protecting and connecting them.

Casco's economy, identity, and way of life are deeply tied to its natural resources. With growing interest in outdoor recreation, increased development pressures, and a changing climate, the time is right to plan ahead. The Open Space Plan will guide where and how we invest in land conservation, trail systems, recreational access, and water quality protection.

The plan builds on the **2024 Casco Comprehensive Plan**, which emphasizes preserving Casco's woods, waters, and rural character. It will help the town:

- Inventory existing open spaces, forests, and farmlands
- Identify priority areas to protect for recreation, wildlife, and clean water
- Connect neighborhoods to open spaces through new or improved trails
- Balance access and conservation with thoughtful land stewardship
- Plan future projects, partnerships, and funding opportunities

This is an exciting opportunity for Casco to come together and ensure that future generations can enjoy the natural beauty and outdoor opportunities that define our town.



**SCAN  
ME →**







# OpenSpace PHOTO CONTEST



**SUBMIT YOUR BEST SHOT OF  
CASCO'S NATURAL BEAUTY!**

FOUR CHANCES TO WIN A \$100 LOCAL GIFT CARD



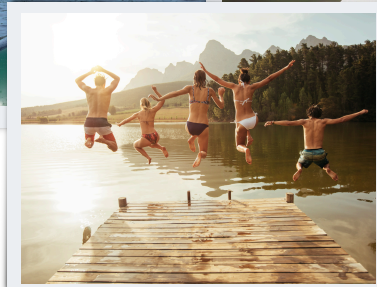
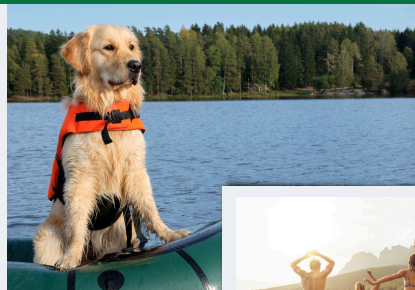
SUBMISSIONS  
OPEN  
THROUGH  
LABOR DAY!

## Open Space Commission Members

- Jim Arsham
- Eric Dibner
- Courtney Walsh
- Mike Bolk
- Sam Brown

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DO YOU HAVE A PHOTO  
THAT CAPTURES  
THE MAGIC OF CASCO'S  
TRAILS, LAKES, WILDLIFE,  
HISTORIC CHARM, & THE  
PEOPLE ENJOYING IT?

Enter Today!



**SUBMISSIONS + VOTING OPEN NOW THRU LABOR DAY**  
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