



At Easton's "Pastry and Preservation" meeting, making the case about the value of land conservation are, from the left, Speakers Rebecca Brown and Betsy Baker, Mike Platt - Conservation Commission Chair, and Commission members Denys Draper and Anita Craven.

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Easton residents are introduced to land conservation easements. The town's Conservation Commission hosted a "Pastry and Preservation" meeting June 7, for almost 30 Easton landowners and neighboring conservation commissions, to demystify the conservation process, and explain potential tax benefits.

The meeting was prompted by increased growth pressures on undeveloped land. Presenters were Rebecca Brown, Executive Director of the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust (ACT), and Easton resident Betsy Baker, Professor of Property Law at Vermont Law. Explaining that "easement" is the legal term for "agreement between the land owner and the easement holder," most often a land trust organization, Brown emphasized how each easement is tailored to the landowner's interests.

At the close of the hour, residents were asked to tell their neighbors what they had learned, especially those who own large parcels, and in the broader context, to consider how conserving land benefits what we all treasure, which is the character of the town, and the land itself.