

# Town of Ayer

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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### Monthly Report of the Conservation Commission, February 2017:

Beyond the work carried out to prepare for, and implement the decisions of the month's public meetings, this office has been busy with many other topics. Currently, two projects take up the majority of the time not dedicated to past or upcoming public meetings. These are the continued development of a geospatially based database of all Commission paperwork, and outreach relating to the Commission's efforts to have a wetlands bylaw passed at the upcoming Town Meeting.

The database development project already began to show its value in January. Missing certificates of compliance have been found, and notices to landowners missing these documents began to be mailed out. As of this writing, barring any unforeseen circumstances, I expect completion of the database to take place sometime in April. This will however only be limited to the tracking of Orders of Resource Area Delineation, and Orders of Conditions. Further time will be required to input all Determinations of Applicability and Enforcement information

The Commission held two public discussions related to the wetlands bylaw they wished to bring to the Spring Town meeting, and based upon public input, incorporated changes that the Commission felt would make the law more helpful to the citizens of Ayer.

Additionally, the Commission selected the contractor to treat the ponds for invasive and nuisance plant species. This work was approved at Town meeting in the autumn of 2016. This represents the beginning of what will become a major part of this office's work over the upcoming spring and summer.

I look forward to continuing these projects, while ensuring that the Commission is as informed as possible for upcoming public meetings.

Brian Colleran, Conservation Administrator