

**Conservation Administrator's Report**  
**Jo-Anne Crystoff, Conservation Administrator and Agent**  
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**Ayer's Local Wetlands Protection Bylaw** has been sent to the Attorney General for approval. We are patiently waiting for its approval. The Commission has begun work to create regulations to go with the new bylaw.

**A new Commissioner and an Associate Commission member** have been appointed by the BOS. Jennifer Amaya is our new Commissioner. Dr. Scott Murray is our new Associate (non-voting) member.

**A custom programmed data base** for the Conservation Office is live. Kim Martin, the programmer from Northport Software, and the conservation administrator worked to design a custom data base for our Commission office. This data base will allow the conservation office to more efficiently track projects.

**The Pingry Hill subdivision** continues to be inspected weekly by environmental monitor Dr. Desheng Wang, P.E. The Applicant presented nine Requests for Certificate of Compliance to the Commission. There is an issue with the terms of the Order of Conditions for these properties that needs to be addressed by the developer before the Commission can issue the Certificates of Compliance.

**The Conservation Administrator attended** a Forest Carbon webinar presented by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions. Marion Stoddart was in the office to attend this webinar also.

**The Ponds' Weed Control Final Report** was delivered to the Commission by the contractor. The contractor will attend the February 27<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting to discuss the outcome of 2019's treatment and to make a plan for the upcoming season's treatment. We continue treatment in a maintenance mode to stay ahead of out-of-control invasive and nuisance plant growth.

**A Conservation Restriction (CR)** on land at the end of Kohler Place has been signed by the Director of Mass Fish and Wildlife and is awaiting the signature of the Secretary of Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. We hope to record the document in early 2020.

**Land Use Team:** The Land Use Team continues to meet weekly. Staff keeps current with each other's projects and offers insight, information, and advice.

As a way to keep up with Commission projects, the Conservation Commission hears applications for permits on the first meeting of the month and reserves the second monthly meeting for Commission business. Please contact the Conservation office at 978-772-8249, by email at [concom@ayer.ma.us](mailto:concom@ayer.ma.us), or drop by with any questions or concerns. Thank you!