

## **Conservation Administrator's Report**

**Jo-Anne Crystoff, Conservation Administrator and Agent**

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**The State of Emergency** instituted by the arrival of Covid-19 continues to effect work in the conservation office. The Commission in meeting remotely. Town Hall is closed to the public. The Commission has discretion regarding opening public hearings during the State of Emergency..

**Enforcement Orders against John Hillier** and a Notice of Intent that he filed continue to be discussed during Commission meetings. The Commission is working toward resolution of these issues with Mr. Hillier.

**The Ayer Solar II B** peer review process is underway. A Professional Wetland Scientist, a Professional Engineer, and a solar energy engineer are reviewing plans and documents that have been submitted to the Commission as a Notice of Intent for this project. The Commission continues to review comments from all professionals involved in this process.

**Summer pond weed treatments** have been administered to Ayer's ponds this summer. The above average heat and below average rain fall together have resulted in excellent growing conditions for nuisance aquatic vegetation. An end-of-season survey will be conducted by the weed treatment contractor to help the Commission assess the effectiveness of the project.

**Applications for wetland permits** continue to be received by the Commission despite the changes brought by Covid-19 to Ayer. The Commission's agendas are full to capacity with public hearings, public meetings, discussions, and enforcement matters.

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