

**Conservation Commission
Monthly Report
December 2022**

The Commission continues its work enforcing the Wetlands Protection Act and local Bylaws and Regulation through site inspections on new and continuing projects. The Commission had one meeting in December due to the Holiday season.

The Commission at their December 8th opened a public hearing for a Request for Resource Area Delineation for Orion Park off of Westford Road. The Commission scheduled a site walk and continued the hearing to their next meeting on January 12, 2023. The Commission reviewed the final report for the pond treatments that were conducted by Water and Wetlands and will post the report to the Commission's page on the Town's website. There was a brief discussion on the Fiscal Year 2024 budget which will be drafted by the Conservation Agent, Heather Hampson with review by Chairman Jon Schmalenberger. The last item on the Commission's agenda was a draft tree removal policy drafted by Ms. Hampson to try and protect more trees within the buffer zone and encourage replanting. Ms. Hampson and Commission Member Jess Gugino will work on the final language for the policy.

The Conservation Agent continues to go out and inspect ongoing projects including weekly visits to Ayer Solar II and meet with residents to discuss concerns on their property. The Agent is beginning work on revising the Commission's Regulations and looking at potential projects for the warmer weather.

Submitted by Heather Hampson, Conservation Agent for the Conservation Commission