

Wolfeboro Conservation Commission

2013 Annual Report

The Wolfeboro Conservation Commission once again responded to the environmental concerns of Wolfeboro's citizens and worked to protect the natural resources within the Town.

In 2013, we were able to protect 2 additional properties. Through work with the Land Bank of Wolfeboro Tuftonboro, we secured title on a 5 acre conservation parcel on Cotton Valley Road. This parcel provides protection for the headwaters of Frost Brook and a buffer for the Cotton Valley Rail Trail.

Through considerable work with the Land Bank of Wolfeboro Tuftonboro and the Overall family, we protected 81 acres off Browns Ridge Road that includes the summit of Whiteface Mountain. Although one trail exists to the summit, an additional trailhead and parking area off Browns Ridge Road is being planned. This property abuts the previously protected Morse lot so that the southern and eastern flanks of Whiteface Mountain are now fully protected. These parcels also protect the headwaters of Young's Brook.

We continue to support the efforts of the Food Pantry Garden Committee, KRHS Vocational Center, The Wolfeboro Food Bank and GALA to promote the productive use of the Towns Garden property.

The Commission reviewed and provided comment on 34 Dredge & Fill applications received from the State of NH Department of Environmental Services Wetlands Bureau.

We continue to manage the 63-acre Bill Rae Conservation Area. We have improved parking near the pond and continue with long range plans to increase use and access of the property, through improved parking and a trail network.

Front Bay Park received the Wolfeboro Area Chamber of Commerce "2013 Beautification Award". We greatly appreciate the acknowledgement of the addition of this wonderful resource to the Town of Wolfeboro, it's residents and guests.

The Commission implements those portions of the Master Plan for which we are responsible and continue to consult with the Planning Board on zoning.

Thanks to Commission members for their support and commitment to protecting Wolfeboro's unique character and resources. Thanks to Rob Houseman, Director of Planning & Development, and Lee Ann Keathley for their support, guidance and commitment, the Board of Selectmen and other Town staff for their support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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