

Wolfeboro Conservation Commission 2014 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.

We continue to support the efforts of the Food Pantry Garden Committee, Lakes Region Technology Center, Wolfeboro Food Bank and GALA to promote the productive use of the Towns Garden property. The Commission facilitated a student intern program with the Lakes Region Technology Center to assist the efforts and activities of the Food Pantry Garden at the site throughout the summer months.

The Commission continues to manage the Bill Rae Conservation Area and Front Bay Park and contracted the Student Conservation Association to construct trail improvements/walking trails for the public at both properties. With the assistance of the Pathways Committee and many local volunteers, additional improvements to the properties such as addressing invasive species and connecting Front Bay Park to Route 109-A were accomplished. The Commission produced a brochure for Front Bay Park which can be found at the Wolfeboro Area Chamber of Commerce and the Town Offices.

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

Regular recurring activities include the review of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Wetlands Bureau applications. These applications include docks and dock repair, breakwaters, beaches, retaining walls, culverts, and the dredging and filling of wetlands among other issues. The Commission reviewed and/or provided comment on thirty-seven NHDES Wetlands Bureau Dredge & Fill applications. In addition, the Commission reviewed and provided comment on four Town of Wolfeboro Special Use Permit applications.

I would like to thank the members of the Conservation Commission for their support and commitment to protecting Wolfeboro's unique character and resources. In addition, I would like to thank Rob Houseman, Director of Planning & Development, and Lee Ann Keathley for their support, guidance and commitment, the Board of Selectmen and other Town Staff and their departments for their continued support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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