

## **Wolfeboro Conservation Commission 2018 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 and work with the efforts of the Food Pantry Garden Committee, Lakes Region Technology Center, L.I.F.E Ministries Food Pantry and GALA to promote the productive use of the Towns Garden property. The Commission again worked with the above organizations to provide the facilities to enable the Garden Committee to provide fresh vegetables in season to the Food Pantry. In the long range, we are looking at developing walking trails on the property which could connect to the newly renovated and expanded Wolfeboro Public Library.

We continue to work with a private contractor to attempt to manage invasive vegetation at Front Bay Park.

A new parking lot has been added to the trailhead off Browns Ridge Road which accesses the summit of Whiteface Mountain (the access was previously constructed in 2015). We are looking forward to providing permanent protection of the property.

Construction is ongoing for a new multi-use trail network on the Willey Brook property that is managed by the Commission. Three miles of trail was completed on the 60-acre parcel adjacent to Fernald Station that was purchased by the Commission in 2002. We hope to complete one additional mile of trail during 2019.

We are investigating the design and construction of multi-use trails on the Trask Mountain parcel and continue to work with UNH Cooperative Extension towards the implementation of the Wildlife Action Plan.

Regular recurring activities included the review and advice to New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for Wetlands Bureau applications. These applications include the construction and/or repair of docks, breakwaters, beaches, retaining walls, culverts, and for the dredging and filling of wetlands among other issues. We reviewed 51 of these applications compared to 38 in 2017. We also provided review and advice to the Wolfeboro Planning Board and Technical Review Committee on 14 Special Use Permits.

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, we would like to thank Matthew Sullivan, Director of Planning and Development, Dave Ford, Director of Public Works, Lee Ann Hendrickson, Administrative Assistant, for their support, guidance and commitment, and the Board of Selectmen and other Town Staff, Departments and volunteers for their continued support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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