

CAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2000

The year 2000 was the first full year of activity for the present commission. Our primary duty is to review and sign Minimum Impact Expedited Applications to the Wetlands Bureau of the NH Department of Environmental Services filed with the Town Clerk. This year, we reviewed three and made site visits to 2 of them. We also receive copies of Forestry Notifications (logging permits), and Standard Dredge and Fill Applications, and other applications made to the Wetlands Bureau. Commission members attended workshops and meetings on various topics. We hope to continue taking advantage of these kinds of opportunities.

Other projects we have started working on include updating and enhancing the Natural Resources section of the Master Plan. We are hoping our work will be complete in 2001 and can be added to work done by the Planning Board on other sections of the Master Plan.

As the year ends, we are working on a warrant article proposal which would allocate a portion of the Current Use Change Tax to a Conservation Fund that would grow as land is taken out of Current Use. The fund would help maintain the rural character of the town by helping to assist landowners protect their lands through conservation easements or the purchase of open space or important wetland or forest habitats. We are also working on locating a small bookcase and bulletin board in the Town Office where we can share materials received in mailings and by attending conferences and workshops. Look for it when you're next at the Town Office! We have also had a few conversations with a property owner who is interested in donating property to the town for the purpose of enjoyment of nature. 2001 will be busy, as these projects continue!

We meet monthly, except during summer, on second Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. We welcome input and involvement from town members who are interested in our work. Commission members work on projects as time permits and make site visits as needed. We want to thank Brian Blanchard, who served on the Commission until earlier this year. We also welcome new members, Ron Crowe and Ann McDermott who is a wildlife educator and rehabilitator.

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Ron Crowe
Jane Kellogg
Ann McDermott