



Commission Tasks

- Monitoring existing conservation land , which is comprised of 17 parcels and more than 300 acres, to protect against misuse
- Review land for potential acquisition, through purchase or donation, for permanent conservation
- Conduct public education and outreach activities
- Advise Town Boards and Departments on natural resource concerns
- Review and comment on NH DES development applications
- Work with developers and landowners to lessen proposed development impacts on natural resources
- Manage the Conservation Fund for the benefit of current and future conservation property

Conservation Commission History and Funding

The Conservation Commission has been in existence since 1967 and is made up entirely of resident volunteers. Over the years, the activities of the Commission have varied depending on the needs and interests of the community.

Like other Boards in Town, the Commission has a very limited budget to perform all of its day-to-day activities.

In 2003, the residents recognized the growing development pressures in the community and voted at Town Meeting to allocate 100% of the Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) to a Conservation Fund. The LUCT is a penalty assessed on property owners when land is removed from Current Use. The amount generated from LUCT is not predictable year-to-year and can not be budgeted for.

This Fund is currently the sole source of money for the Town to use to purchase and maintain land for permanent conservation. Any changes in the distribution of these funds could adversely affect the Town's ability to permanently conserve land.

Land Protection Criteria

What we consider when assessing land for permanent conservation:

- *Shorelines and River Frontage*
- *Aquifers and Watersheds*
- *Parcel Size and Enhancement of Other Existing Protected Conservation Lands*
- *Wildlife*
- *Agricultural Land*
- *Contains a Portion of a Major Trail Corridor or Other Nature Trail*
- *Cultural, archaeological or historic significance*
- *Scenic Vistas*
- *Funding Availability*
- *Other Unique Features*



Our Mission

To protect and preserve publicly owned conservation land and land with conservation easements conveyed to the town of Pembroke.

To purchase land worthy of conservation as identified by our land protection criteria.

To identify natural resources and to encourage land owners to assist us by being good stewards or outright land donation.

To implement programs that protect, develop, and maximize the use of the town's natural resources.

To educate our children and the public on the importance of individual conservation practices.

Join us!

The Commission meets at the Pembroke Town Hall the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm. Check out the Town's website for notices and changes. We conduct routine site walks of our conservation land and land we are considering for conservation. Your participation can make a difference!

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**PEMBROKE
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

Local Volunteers
Dedicated to Permanent
Land Conservation