
SANBORNTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NEWSLETTER

Winter/Spring 2019

Late Winter and Spring - A Great Time to get out and Play! Mark Ledgard, Conservation Commission Member

The Polar Vortex has subsided and Punxsutawney Phil predicts that spring is around the corner! If you are like me, January was cold enough to restrict my outdoor activities. Today as I write, the temperature is in the 50s and Daylight savings is upon us.

A great place to explore anytime of the year is our 190-acre Town Forest generously donated by Mr. Walter Willett. The Town Forest has three street-side parking access points: Eastman Hill Road, Taylor Road, and Hermit Woods Road. Additionally, the Eastman Hill Road access provides seasonal off-street parking and has a kiosk complete with free trail maps. You can also download a map from our web page <https://www.sanborntonnh.org/conservation-commission>.

The Town Forest has four marked trails for hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, or just take a leisurely after-work walk or picnic. Trail names are the Hal Graham Trail, the Virginia Hutton Trail, and the Wayne Elliott Trail, all named after local residents. The forth trail "This Is My Song Trail," is named after Mrs. Willet's favorite song.

You can also explore the numerous unmarked trails, some offer steep slopes for backcountry skiing or off-trail hiking. There are numerous stonewalls that lace through the property and even an old stone cellar hole. Check out the old six-foot high by four-foot wide stonewall on the Hal Graham Trail - try to imagine how and why it was built. The "Overlook" along the This is My Song trail provides views of the Sanbornton Mountain range to include Round Top, Hersey, and Knox Mountains. Snow covered ground is also a great time to look for animal sign such as deer or rabbit tracks.

This summer we will be performing trail maintenance to clear away brush and blowdowns.



Help Preserve Sanbornton's Open Space.

From woods to water to fields, the Sanbornton Conservation Commission continually seeks to preserve tracts of land, providing landowners the means to be part of this effort. There are several ways you as the landowner can be part of this effort. You can create a conservation easement that allows you continued ownership and use of the land for non-development purposes. You can also either sell or donate the land directly to the Conservation Commission.

Conservation Commission Corner

The role of the Sanbornton Conservation Commission is to provide you the opportunity to enjoy and help preserve our community's natural resources. We hope you will find our periodic newsletters informative and a guide to opportunities to share in the enjoyment of the Commission's resources and commitment to preserve our natural wonders.

Our Mission

In the upcoming months, the Commission will be attentive to refining our Mission statement.

Membership Needed

Currently the Conservation Commission is looking to fill a vacant Alternate seat. Additionally, long-time and dedicated-member Mr. John Earely will be stepping down as his term ends this year. John has been the force and enthusiasm behind creation of the Town Forest as featured in this newsletter.

If you are interested in preserving your property for future conservation, or supporting the Conservation Commission in any way please contact: Chair Mr. Brad Crosby at 603-286-8605.