

2011 REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Commission continued to administer the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, issuing 10 Orders of Conditions and 15 Determinations of Applicability. Many sites were reviewed for building permit application sign-offs by the Conservation Commission. Among the major projects monitored in 2010 were the Glen Echo subdivision (61 houses), the Crosswinds subdivision site work off of Plain St. and Station St. , railroad activities, and many Town paving filings. Significant projects also included St. Gabriel the Archangel Church on Mendon Street. Significant time and effort was spent on resolving problems caused by the increasing beaver population in town. Protecting roadways and sensitive habitats have been a critical concern. The Commission also informally resolved several other minor violations of the Wetland Protection Act. Certificates of Compliance were issued for many completed projects. Regular public meetings and numerous site inspections were held during the year. The commission was granted a Conservation Restriction for Sweetwilliam Farm which it will co-hold with the Sudbury Valley Trustees.

The Conservation Commission welcomed our new Conservation Agent, Matt Selby through a multi-town agreement with Ashland.

The Conservation Commission thanks Tom Dodd for years of service.

Of note, Pratt Pond Ice Out:

2010 – March 16

2011 – March 28

Pratt Pond Ice out defined as first day in spring when no ice is visible in the pond from a vantage point near the intersection of School Street and North Main Street.

Respectfully Submitted,

Conservation Commission
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