

## Conservation Commission

Report to Selectboard November 3, 2021

### Members:

David Stauffer	Chair and Secretary	2022
Ron Miller		2023
Marilyn Magnus		2024
David Magnus		2024
Carol Fox		2023
Neil Monteith	Tree Warden (ex officio)	

Areas of coverage: The Roller Barn area which is also the trailhead for the Peacham Pathways system including the Village Trail, the Town Forest trails, the Mill Creek Park trail, the town's legal trails, and the acreage at the Devil's Hill trailhead of about 10 acres.

Roller Barn: Maintain the entrance and woods. Garbage removal and wood cuttings pickup are on the agenda. A picnic area with a picnic table is planned. Trail maps are available at the kiosk.

Town Forest: Seasonal trail maintenance and blazing of new and existing trails. A new permanent map will be attached to the kiosk.

Mill Creek Park: Regular trail cleaning, dead and dangerous tree removal and invasive species cutting is being done. The border of the parking lot is regularly weed whacked. A new kiosk will be installed with a permanent trail map.

Carol Fox's property on Old Cemetery Road will be developed with trails and access for the community.

Invasive species: Constant monitoring and removal is critical. An invasives ID seminar will take place in spring.

Water testing on town ponds is done periodically throughout the year.

The idea of having a tree nursery on town land for the future harvesting of trees for village planting will be floated to the Selectboard over the winter.

The Tracking Club will have a guest speaker in the spring.

Concerns: We would like to accomplish our work(s) freely at our discretion. Fair communication breeds cooperation.

Budget: We ask for no town funds this year. D. S. Chair and Secretary