

## Sunapee Conservation Commission History

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Sources: Town Reports, Argus Champion

### **Year    Members /Appropriations / Accomplishments**

- 1929    Dewey Woods \$4,500 John C Dewey payment made by town
- 1939    Dewey Woods received fro U.S. Timber salvage and sale of wood: \$10,137
- 1963    Aug NH Conservation Commission law RSA 36A went into effect
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- 1965    Warrant Article 26: To establish a ConCom per RSA 36A. (passed) Dick Webb appointed chairman, held post to 1971.
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- 1966    ConCom: Richard Webb, Charles Flint, James Eastman, Tom Cleveland, Wm King  
Dewey Woods Commission: Wm Baird, Marvin Laskey, Dexter Collins, Russ Jones, Fay Osborne  
Appropriation: \$500 to Dewey Woods Commission  
Report: none  
Argus Champion: March Farmer Richard Webb named NH Conservationist of the Year.  
Began to improve his 250-ac woodlot in 1956, now has 2,500-acres under management.
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- 1967    ConCom: Richard Webb, James Eastman, Charles Flint, Tom Cleveland, Wm King  
Dewey Woods Commission: Wm Baird, Marvin Laskey, Dexter Collins, Russ Jones, Fay Osborne  
Appropriation: None  
Report: none  
May 11 Argus-Champion: Richard Webb and New London Conservation Commission agreement for "deed of dedication" or conservation easement on the 500-ac Morgan Pasture lot, believed to be first use of RSA 36-A "full significance of this will be realized in the next 25 years"  
Oct ConCom sent a letter to Sunapee taxpayers explaining a plan to ultimately have 3,000 acres with conservation easements in town, at a time when there was about 12,000 ac of open or wooden undeveloped land.  
Nov Argus-Champion editorial in support of the Sunapee ConCom proposal to establish a program of conservation easements on backland in exchange for tax breaks, consistent with 1967 state law giving each town the right to assess on current use basis.
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- 1968    ConCom: Richard Webb, Jas Eastman, Wm Baird, Chas Flint, Tom Cleveland, Dexter Collins, Atossa French  
Dewey Woods Commission: Not mentioned (appears to be now part of ConCom)  
Appropriation: \$500 for Dewey Woods & ConCom  
Report: none
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- 1969    ConCom: Richard Webb, Jas Eastman, Charles Flint, Wm Baird, Charles Aaron, Dexter Collins, Paul Fortier  
Appropriation: None  
Report: Planning Bd and ConCom met to discuss using Dewey Woods with beach.  
Stan Rastallis of NE Forestry Foundation hired as ConCom consultant to layout & survey Dewey Woods parking area and hiking trails. Possibly establish a scenic vista from Garnet Hill on Bartlett lot and nature trail. Establishing tree thinning program to improve forest. Check easements on brook from Trow Hill to Sugar River for future protection and rec use by acquiring easements and or property along the stream.

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All town properties to be surveyed in preparation of making a forestry plan, Survey to be paid by 1970 warrant article of \$1,000 town appropriation & \$500 grant.

- 1970    ConCom: Richard Webb, James Eastman, Charles Flint, Eileen Stiles, Stan Colby, Dexter Collins, Paul Fortier  
Warrant article 14: \$1,000 for ConCom. \$500 to survey forest lands, Pass  
Report: Stan Rastallis's work was underway as described in 1969. Dewey Woods parking lot roughed out.  
Land purchase: \$200 appropriation to Ray & Eliz Barrett for land near Treatment Plant Site
- 1971    ConCom: Stanley Colby, Paul Fortier Elwood Style, Dexter Collins, Phil Johnson, Richard Kelly, Eileen Stiles  
Warrant article 13: \$1,000 for ConCom Pass  
Report: Ben Mere land purchased by ConCom with gifts and Fed grant, ownership to be transferred to town, for recreation use under Ben Mere Area Committee  
Ledge Pond Lot: 10-acres thinned  
Dewey Woods: Hiking trail layout delayed until trash cleaned up.  
Continued town land inventory, deed research. Investigating conservation easements.
- 1972    ConCom: Stan Colby, Eileen Stiles, Dexter Collins Sr. Philip Johnson, Richard Kelly, Elwood Style  
Warrant article 14: \$500 for ConCom Pass  
Warrant article 26: \$4K to buy Morse land at ski tow hill  
Report: Ledge Pond lot 15-ac thinned; Town land deed & restriction investigation completed. Next step is to develop a conservation plan for each lot. Dewey Woods: Hiking trail layout delayed until slash decays from forest thinning. Soils map to be created, completion in 1974.  
Deed of Dedication (Conservation Easement) between Richard Webb and town completed for recreation use of 360-ac Webb Forest lot.
- 1973    ConCom: Stan Colby, Richard Kelly, Eileen Stiles, Ernest Towne, Dexter Collins Sr. Louis Charon, Philip Johnson  
Warrant Article 14: \$200 for ConCom Pass  
Report: Control of Dewey Woods open land shifts to Rec Com for building ball field.  
1972 state law began ConCom review of State Dredge & Fill permits  
Ledge Pond & Dewey Woods: No Fed funds, so no thinning of forest  
(Energy Crisis) Emergency firewood program for citizen tree cutting at Dewey Woods.  
Sign made for Webb Forest re town recreation use.  
Coffin Park surveyed to aid in development of park.  
Slide show to educate public about land conservation  
Argus Champion: ConCom against proposed 40-unit development on Otter Pond
- 1974    ConCom; Stan Colby, Richard Morrow, Richard Morse, Louis Charon, Ernest Towne, Ralph Leone, Eileen Stiles  
Warrant article 15: \$300 for Con Com. Pass  
Report: Completed soil maps using \$500 Ford Foundation grant. Continued town land surveys. Dewey Woods & Ledge Pond 10-acres thinned w/ Cliff Richer, forester.

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|      | Emergency fire wood cutting in 5-acres of Dewey Woods.<br>State Dredge and Fill applications now being reviewed by ConCom   |
| 1975 | ConCom: Stan Colby, Louis Charon, Richard Morrow, Ernest Towne, Ralph Leone, Richard Morse, Eileen Stiles<br>Warrant article 15: \$200 for ConCom. Pass<br>Report: Soil maps completed. Emergency firewood cutting on 5-ac of Dewey Woods continues. Dredge & Fill applications being reviewed.   |
| 1976 | ConCom: Stanley Colby, Ralph Leone, Richard Morse, Eileen Stiles, Ernest Towne, Marie Fitts, Louie Charon<br>Warrant articles: none<br>Appropriation: \$300<br>Report: Emergency firewood cutting at Dewey Woods continues. Contributed \$100 to town library for land conservation books. Dredge & Fill applications reviewed.   |
| 1977 | ConCom: Ralph Leone, Richard Morse, Eileen Stiles, Ernest Towne, Stephen Warren, John Dargie<br>Warrant articles: None<br>Appropriation: \$1,000<br>Change in Use Tax: \$550 (First year reported)<br>Report: Lower Ski Tow Hill site was surveyed. Dewey Woods closed to firewood cutting due to fire hazard caused by cut brush. ConCom working with selectmen on new dump site. Researching & mapping public RoWs to >10-acre water bodies |
| 1978 | ConCom: Ernest Towne, John Dargie, Stephen Warren, Violet Andrews, Ralph Leone, Richard Morse<br>Warrant Article 27: \$20K to buy 10-ac John Holteen lot on Ledge Pond. Pass?<br>Appropriation: \$700<br>Change in Use Tax: \$3,222<br>Report: Town Ski Jump land to be surveyed. Timber surveys completed at Dewey Woods and Bartlett-Archery site. Looking for buyer for several thousand ft of softwd.                                     |
| 1979 | ConCom: Ernest Towne, Stephen Warren, John Dargie, Richard Morse, Violet Andrews, Ralph Leone<br>Warrant Articles: none<br>Appropriation: \$700<br>Change in Use Tax: \$3,522<br>Report: none   |
| 1980 | ConCom: Ernest Towne, John Dargie, Stephen Warren, Violet Andrews, Ralph Leone<br>Warrant article 25: \$3,081 for marking and lumber sale of Webb-Flint, Tyler-Bartlett, and Barrett-Archery lots. Pass?<br>Appropriation: \$700<br>Change of Use Tax: \$1,938<br>Report: none  |
| 1981 | ConCom; Ernest Towne, John Dargie, Stephen Warren, Violet Andrews, Ralph Leone<br>Warrant articles: none  |

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Appropriation: \$700

Change of Use Tax: none

Report: ConCom has not been active this year.

- 1982    ConCom: Ernest Towne, John Dargie, Stephen Warren, Violet Andrews, Ralph Leone  
Warrant articles: none  
Appropriation: \$700  
Change of Use Taxes: \$1,910  
Report: ConCom accepted Larry Spaulding of NL gift of a 7-ac wetland located north of I-89 abutting Springfield and NL lines for bird and animal sanctuary.
- 1983    ConCom: Van Webb, Ernest Towne, Violet Andrews, Ralph Leone, Michael Huff, Barbara Scott  
Warrant articles: none  
Appropriation: \$500  
Change of Use Tax: \$1,285  
Report: Worked with a group of senior citizens to cut hiking trails on town property.
- 1984    ConCom: Van Webb, Craig Sanborn, Violet Andrews, Mike Huff, Barbra Scott  
Warrant article 11: \$500 for ConCom. Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$1,000  
Report: Fuel wood cutting by citizens at Dewey Woods continues. Efforts to establish hiking trails on town lands continue. Review Dredge & Fill applications.  
Efforts underway to separate Webb Forest ski trails from snowmobile trails,  
Public education re: proposed wood-fired electric generating plant at town center.
- 1985    ConCom: Van Webb, Ruth Leavitt, Violet Andrews, Hal Ryerson  
Warrant articles: none  
Appropriation: \$500  
Change of Use Tax: \$4,485  
Report: none.
- 1986    ConCom: Van Webb, Hal Ryerson, Dodd Johnson, Gary Stansfield, Cora Collins  
Warrant Article13: \$500 to ConCom. Pass  
Warrant Article 23: Cost-share with landowners the expense of a professional forester to oversee timber harvests. Not to exceed 10% of the timber tax. Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$4,020  
Report: Great concern about increasing development pressures, especially on lake.  
ConCom submitted testimony to the Wetlands Board that reflects conservation values in the best interest of the town.
- 1987    ConCom: Dodd Johnson, Cody Collins, Mike Simpson, Hal Ryerson, Catherine Bushueff,

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- Warrant Article 39: Transfer unexpended 1986 appropriation funds of \$455 and 1987 balance to a separate account for ConCom. Pass  
Appropriation: \$500  
Change of Use Tax: \$0  
Report: Attended Convention of Conservation Commissions. Biggest concern is growth and threat to open space. Public conservation education efforts being planned.  
Gift of 3.5-ac in Birch Pt. Road circle from Carroll Dwight accepted by ConCom
- 1988    ConCom: Dodd Johnson, Michael Simpson, James Elliott, Lisa Bozogan, Michael Rechisky, Catherine Bushueff, Hal Ryerson  
Warrant Article 37: Transfer unexpended 1988 appropriation funds to a separate account for ConCom. Pass  
Warrant Article 38: For selectmen to accept gifts of land and donations to contribute to matching funds for buying conservation land as part of LCHIP program and expend such funds by majority vote of ConCom. Pass  
Appropriation: \$500  
Change of Use Tax: \$6,300  
Report: ConCom worked with landowners for properties accepted to the LCIP program. Concerns about lake front development, ignorance of environmental and ecological adverse effects and the town's total dependence on the state to protect our natural assets from water pollution, erosion and dredging activities. Local control of our own resources may soon be considered.
- 1989    ConCom: Dodd Johnson, James Elliott, Lisa Bozogan, Shaun Carroll, Henry Wobbe  
Warrant Article 23: \$500 for ConCom. pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$7,911  
Report: none  
Argus Champion Jun 14: 539-acres officially signed in LCIP program for land conservation from 5 owners: George & Jane Nielsen, Edith & Jean Harrison, Jolyon Johnson, Richard & Elizabeth Webb. LCIP contributed \$185,000 toward \$586,500 easement value.
- 1990    ConCom: Dodd Johnson, Shaun Carroll, George Quackenbos, Henry Wobbe, Bruce Burdette  
Warrant Article 3: Wetlands Overlay District (Zoning). pass  
Warrant article 5: No building in wetlands (Zoning). pass  
Warrant Article 33: \$600 for ConCom. pass  
Warrant Articles 50, 51: Build Little League field and parking on Dewey Woods, modified subject to decision of SPNHF and town counsel. pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$12,190  
Report: ConCom continues to have heightened concern about deteriorating water quality in the town's lakes and ponds. Plan to fund a study of town's wetlands. Improving care and management of town owned wooded areas that have received little attention. There is currently a lot of standing timber that needs to be harvested or will become worthless. Deeds stipulate funds raised thru timber harvests shall improve the woodland or be used to buy more woodland.

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- Improvements being considered: reforestation, brush clearing, creation of trails and wild life cover.  
Improve communication with town departments and state agencies to better carry out our mandate. Cooperate closely with LSPA and Greenway Project.
- 1991    ConCom: Dodd Johnson, Shaun Carroll, George Quackenbos, Henry Wobbe, Bruce Burdette, Barbara McGuiness  
Warrant Article 5: Shoreland Protection (Zoning). Pass  
Warrant Article 20: \$5,600 to ConCom, amended to \$600. Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$7,195  
Report: Reviewing Wetland applications and assisting applicants with requirements.  
Great need to map the town's wetlands. Will ask for funds to do so.
- 1992    ConCom: Dodd Johnson, Shaun Carroll, George Quackenbos, Bruce Burdette, Barbara McGuiness  
Warrant article 24: \$500 for ConCom. pass  
Warrant article 25: Wetland survey: \$4,000 by taxes, \$1,000 from ConCom fund. Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$425  
Report: Reviewing wetland applications and assisting applicants. Completed wetland mapping. Giving more attention to forest management and timber harvesting, and to water quality issues.  
Argus Champion: Bluebird houses being put up in town by member Bruce Burdett.
- 1993    ConCom: Van Webb, Emmons Jenkins, George Quackenbos, Barbara McGuiness  
Warrant article 18: \$500 for ConCom. pass  
Change of Use Tax: ?  
Report: Arranged for some timber harvests, continue wetland application reviews.
- 1994    ConCom: Van Webb, Emmons Jenkins, George Quackenbos  
Warrant article 12: \$500 for ConCom. pass  
Change of Use Tax: ?  
Report: ConCom needs members. Looking at LSPA report for multi-town support of water quality monitoring. Need a complete inventory of town forest lands to be done, ask for funds to accomplish this next year.
- 1995    ConCom: Van Webb, Emmons Jenkin, George Quackenbos, Dorothy Price, Robert Hill, Bruce Burdett  
Warrant article 14: \$500 to ConCom. pass  
Warrant article 17: \$6,800 for forest inventory. pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$7,500  
Report: none.
- 1996    ConCom: Van Webb, Bruce Burdett, Emmons Jenkins, George Quackenbos, Dorothy Price, Robert Hill,  
Warrant Articles 7, 10, 11, 17: Tree cutting, Land clearing, wooded buffer, wildlife habitat (zoning): pass  
Warrant Article 25: \$500 for ConCom. pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$4,720

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Report: None

Argus Champion: ConCom voted to deed Ben Mere property acquired by gifts and state grant to town as requested by Selectmen

- 1997    ConCom: Van Webb, Emmons Jenkins, George Quackenbos, Dorothy Price, Robert Hill, Bruce Burdett  
Warrant Article 7: \$500 for ConCom. Pass  
Warrant Article 24: Avery Rd Land fill closure and water quality sampling. Pass  
Warrant Article 32: \$5,000 for implementing forest plan on Tyler-Bartlett (Garnet Hill Park) for boundary identification and using \$2,800 from Tyler -Bartlett trust fund. Pass  
Warrant Article 33: to place 50% of Change of Use Tax proceeds directly into ConCom fund, not to exceed \$2,500 in any one year. Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$5,040  
Report: Forest plan complete and one result was the discovery of structures built by others on town land, being resolved with the parties. Stream at north side of Dewey Beach at lake entry has been restored. Info sheet on tree cutting is being put into tax bills to educate land owners. "Scofflaws" are a town problem, those who blatantly violate shorefront regulations are widespread. Enforcement by the state is at a "glacial pace". ConCom has NO enforcement power.  
Argus Champion: ConCom supported converting town dump into a trash transfer and recycling station
- 1998    ConCom: Dodd Johnson, Van Webb, Bruce Burdett, Robert Hill, Emmons Jenkins, Dorothy Price, George Quackenbos, Aaron Simpson  
Warrant Article 6: \$800 for ConCom. Pass  
Warrant Article 2: \$380K to close Avery Rd land fill. Pass  
Warrant Article 26: to sell land at Ledge Pond bought from Constance Tallarico. Pass  
Warrant Article 27: Land exchange of 1.23-ac to provide RoW to town owned land at Ledge Pond with land to be in conservation easement. Pass  
Warrant Article 28: To keep town land at Ledge Pond, once used for drinking water quality protection, now as town conservation land and for rec purposes. Pass  
Warrant Article 29: Authorize land swaps to correct bldgs. on town land at Jobs Creek Road and Garnet Hill Road, discovered thru the town forest inventory. Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$0  
Report: State has streamlined Dredge & Fill permit applications. Town forest survey completed for: Dewey Woods, Bartlett (Treatment Plant), Tyler-Bartlett (Garnet Hill Park), Ledge Pond, and Flint-Webb lot, monitoring encroachments. 459-acres. Our vital interest is in controlling irresponsible over development.  
We have been discussing how to buy and preserve more open land for the town. Some funds are set aside for this purpose, but are not where near the amount needed.  
We encourage outright donation of open land to the town for future generations and donated funds to support land acquisition.  
LSPA water quality steward helping solve the persistent Dewey Beach rain washouts. ConCom is working with the Kearsarge Greenway Coalition to establish a contiguous hiking trail in Sunapee. A new trail has been laide out on Ski Tow Hill and on Dewy

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- Woods ending near the Granliden pumping station. Trail easements on private lands have been acquired.  
Dec: 10-ac added to the Webb Forest conservation easement by Van Webb
- 1999    ConCom: Van Webb, Bruce Burdett, Robert Hill, Emmons Jenkins, Robert Mastin, Dorothy Price, Aaron Simpson, Tim Fleury, Roger Whitaker  
Warrant article 7: \$1,900 for ConCom. Pass  
Warrant article 17: \$7,500 for ConCom fund (Selectmen & BCom recommended \$1. Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$0  
Report: ConCom mandate is to look after the town natural resources: lakes, ponds, river, streams, wetland, several town owned tracts. We work with town state and federal agency and several privately run organization to see that pertinent law as are observed and enforced. Our main concern remains uncontrolled development and how to preserve the town's rural character.
- 2000    ComCom: Van Webb, Bruce Burdett, Robert Hill, Emmons Jenkins, Robert Mastin, Aaron Simpson, Dorothy Price, Tim Fleury, Roger Whitaker  
Article 19: \$7,500 for ConCom. Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$26,760  
Report: Timber harvest at Ledge Pond lot; parking area established for rec use. New Webb Forest- town conservation easement, replacing 1973 agreement to protect land in perpetuity.  
Argus Champion: ConCom supported sale of G Mills assisted living site to NH Fish & Game for public boat launch. ConCom developed plan for monitoring conservation easements.
- 2001    ConCom: Van Webb, Bruce Burdett, Robert Hill, Emmons Jenkins, Robert Mastin, Aaron Simpson, Dorothy Price, Tim Fleury, Roger Whitaker  
Warrant article 14: Perkins Pond sewer (major impact on future water quality) Pass  
Warrant article 34: \$7,500 for ConCom. Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$20,060  
Report: Selected parcels to become official town forests based on 1994 and 1996 Forest Management Plans. Continue to establish a fund for conservation land acquisition.
- 2002    ConCom: Van Webb, Bruce Burdett, Robert Hill, Emmons Jenkins, Robert Mastin, Aaron Simpson, Tim Fleury, Roger Whitaker  
Warrant article 19: \$7,700 for ConCom. Pass  
Warrant article 20: Establish town forests: Ledge Pond, Dewey Woods, Tilton-Morse, Tyler-Bartlett, Flint-Webb, & Barrett (Archery) lots. ConCom authorized to manage town forests. Forest maintenance fund established. Pass  
Warrant article 21: Place \$11K from timber sale into the new maintenance fund. Pass  
Warrant article 22: Use \$2K of new fund for rec improvements at Ledge Pond. Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$9,200  
Report: Continue to monitor wetland activities and applications; manage forest, held timber sale, work to preserve the Town's rural character. Our modest fund to buy land



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- for conservation requires help of private donors, thus our work is also public education.
- 2003    ConCom: Van Webb, Bruce Burdett, Robert Hill, Emmons Jenkins, Robert Mastin, Andrew Clifford, Aaron Simpson, Roger Whitaker, Lela Emery, Tim Fleury  
Warrant article 21: \$7.5K for ConCom. Pass  
Warrant article 24: \$24K for rec facilities at Ski Tow Hill and Dewey Woods. Fail  
Warrant article 27: \$6,500 to survey Ledge Pond property. Pass  
Warrant article 28: To remove the \$2,500 cap on ConCom 50% share of Change of Use Tax. Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$0  
Report: ConCom established the Red Water Creek Alliance to preserve a vital wetland with partners: LSPA, Ausbon Sargent, Sunapee Greenway, and contributed \$40K to the fund to conserve the land. Thanks to Marcia Wright for donating a conservation easement on her adjacent wetland parcel. Ledge Pond lot surveyed, gate installed, considering improvements for Tyler-Bartlett lot. Brochure about town forests has been created. Wetlands applications continue to be reviewed.
- 2004    ConCom: Van Webb, Bruce Burdett, Andrew Clifford, Lela Emery, Tim Fleury, Robert Hill, Roger Whitaker  
Warrant article 24: \$21K for rec facilities at Ski Tow Hill and Dewey Woods. Pass  
Warrant article 26: \$7,500 for ConCom. Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$0  
Report: Dedication of the 120-ac Frank Simpson Reserve and 27-ac from Marcia Wright, critical wetlands, scenic asset with 2,000-ft on Hells Corner Rd and 600-ft on Rte 103-B. Water quality, depth and volume at Perkins Pond remains a concern. We would like to protect land open space in this area.  
ConCom produced Town Forests brochure with maps and regulations for use.  
New trails on Tyler-Bartlett lot (Garnet Hill Park) are anticipated in near future.  
Letter of concern sent to DRED re increasing Mt. Sunapee lease lands  
Continue the routine work of processing NH Wetland Board applications.  
Concerns re library on ski tow hill, NH AG signed off on use of site for library.
- 2005    ConCom: Van Webb, Bruce Burdett, Andrew Clifford, Lela Emery, Tim Fleury, Robert Hill, Roger Whitaker  
Warrant article 21: \$7,500 for ConCom. Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$31,645 or \$54,190 (depending on where its written)  
Report: Making the case for a bigger annual appropriation to conserve land, given the cost of land. Sunapee only has 15% of land protected, 25% is recommended.  
Conservation easements were established on two more woodlot parcels of the Webb family.
- 2006    ConCom; Van Webb, Bruce Burdette, Andrew Clifford, Robert Hill, Roger Whitaker, Lela Emery, Tim Fleury.  
Warrant article 34: \$7,500 for ConCom. Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$40,485

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- Report: Wetland applications review, guided tour of Ledge Pond land, involved with Town Master Plan update. Sunapee doesn't have a Natural Resource Inventory and is now looking to get one made.
- 2007    ConCom: Van Webb, Bruce Burdett, Rem Mastin, Lela Emery, Tim Fleury, Robert Hill, Roger Whitaker  
Warrant article 24: \$9,515 for ConCom (Request was \$50,000 part offset by LUCTax)  
Change of Use Tax: \$42,550  
Report: Comprehensive Town Forest Plan creation is underway for completion next year, will guide ConCom stewardship activities over the next 10 years and will call for a mix of uses such as trails, harvesting mature timber and necessary road building to trailheads.  
Dewey Woods: Student Sawyer Webb completed senior project of an interpretive trail, to be dedicated in 2008.  
ConCom is working with the Planning Board on the Master Plan.  
Getting information up on the town website, including trail maps.  
Continue to process NH Wetlands Bureau applications. Part of the process is for a Con Com member to inspect the site, then we made a recommendation.  
Bluebird Restoration Project maintains 74 bird houses in Sunapee.  
Continue to lag behind conservation land goal with only 15% of land (25% rec).
- 2008    ConCom: Van Webb, Bruce Burdett, Rem Mastin, Lela Emery, Tim Fleury, Robert Hill, Roger Whitaker  
Warrant Article 27: \$4,050 for ConCom. Pass (Request was \$50K part offset by LUCT)  
Change of Use Tax: \$48,500  
Report: Working on Master Plan update and NRI, implementing Forest Management Plan, enrollment in the Tree Farm program. Expand rec uses at Ski Tow Hill in a way compatible with town forest requirements.
- 2009    ConCom: Van Webb, Bruce Burdett, Rem Mastin, Lela Emery, Tim Fleury, Robert Hill, Roger Whitaker  
Warrant Article 28: \$15,000 for ConCom. Pass  
Warrant Article 34: Adopt RSA36A:4-a for ConCom to contribute funds to qualified organizations to purchase property held by the organization. Pass  
Warrant Article 35: For town to go on record supporting work with 5 towns in Sunapee Watershed re stewardship of water resources. Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$35,781  
Report: Worked with Planning Board on natural resources portion of master plan.  
Proposing placing Ledge Pond lot under a conservation easement. Hope to have a trail to top of Garnet Hill in near future.
- 2010    ConCom: Van Webb, Bruce Burdett, Rem Mastin, Lela Emery, Tim Fleury, Robert Hill, Roger Whitaker  
Warrant Article 2: Adds Sugar River to shoreland protection regs in zoning. Pass  
Warrant Article 4: Erosion Control in Shoreland district (zoning). Pass  
Warrant Article 18: Conveys conservation easement to Ausbon Sargent on town owned land 79-ac Ledge Pond Town Forest. Pass  
Warrant Article 19: \$15,000 to ConCom. Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$0

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- Report: Pleased with development of ski tow hill. Hope to improve the forest stand and prune the apple trees. New 26-ac conservation lot at south end of Fieldstone development off Trow Hill Road which allow access to the Flint-Webb town parcel and plan to add to town forest with conservation easement. Our goal is to add \$50K each year to conservation fund to acquire land.
- 2011    ConCom: Van Webb, Bruce Burdett, Rem Mastin, Lela Emery, Tim Fleury, Robert Hill, Roger Whitaker  
Warrant Article 21: \$15,000 for ConCom  
Change of Use Tax: \$2,000  
Report: Work on protecting the ledge Pond lot is complete. We are working on 2 major projects that may require \$150K and look for your support. A volunteer-built trail to honor conservationist Herbert Welsh to the top of Garnet Hill is in the works.
- 2012    ConCom: Van Webb, Robert Hill, Rem Mastin, Tim Fleury, Lela Emery  
Warrant Article 13: \$15,000 for ConCom. Pass  
Warrant Article 19: Fieldstone Drive 26-ac parcel into town forest. Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$4,765  
Report: Our time and efforts spent on Wendell Marsh North, a very important conservation project.
- 2013    ConCom: Van Webb, Robert Hill, Rem Mastin, Tim Fleury, Lela Emery  
Warrant Article 21: \$25K for ConCom Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$0  
Report: 136-ac Wendell Marsh lot is conserved. July dedication of the Herbert Welsh trail at Dewey Woods and Garnet Hill Park lots with a Nature Art Walk.
- 2014    ConCom: Van Webb, Tim Fleury, Lela Emery, Robert Hill, Rem Mastin  
Warrant Article 26: \$25K for ConCom Pass  
Warrant Article 32: Wendell Marsh North added to town forests. Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$24,005  
Report: Working on Wendell Marsh South, which would complete nearly 300-acres of important conservation land.
- 2015    ConCom: Van Webb, Tim Fleury, Lela Emery, Robert Hill, Rem Mastin, Gerard Tracy  
Warrant Article 12: \$55,000 for ConCom Pass  
Change of Use Tax: \$0  
Report: Wendell Marsh project is completed.  
Argus Champion Jun 11: 143-ac Wendell March South achieves an Ausbon Sargent conservation easement with highest rank habitat, floodplain protection, Planned to be included in town forest designation. Funding from LCIP, ConCom, foundations, private donors.  
In August the 37-ac Sorento lot conserved with Ausbon Sargent
- 2016    ConCom: Van Webb, Tim Fleury, Lela Emery, Robert Hill, Rem Mastin, Gerard Tracy

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|      | Warrant Article 18: \$55,000 for ConCom. Pass<br>Change of Use Tax: ?<br>Report: Building up our fund for land conservations. Work on a trail network in the Wendell Marsh land and have installed a trail kiosk at Ryder Corner Road entrance.  |
| 2017 | ConCom: Van Webb, Tim Fleury, Lela Emery, Robert Hill, Rem Mastin, Gerard Tracy<br>Warrant Article 26: \$55,000 for ConCom Pass<br>Warrant article 29: Wendell Marsh South added to town forests. Pass<br>Change of Use Tax: ?<br>Report: Working on a third land parcel to conserve at Wendell Marsh. Hired a new forest consultant for the forest plan. Cleared downed trees on several trails.  |
| 2018 | ConCom: Van Webb, Tim Fleury, Lela Emery, Robert Hill, Rem Mastin, Gerard Tracy<br>Warrant Article:<br>Change of Use Tax: \$6,375<br>Report:   |
| 2019 | ConCom: Van Webb, Tim Fleury, Lela Emery, Clifford Field, Mark Reynolds<br>Warrant Article 25: \$55,000 for ConCom pass<br>Change of Use Tax: ? not listed<br>Report: Thank you for your support.  |
| 2020 | ConCom: Van Webb, Tim Fleury, Lela Emery, Clifford Field, Mark Reynolds<br>Warrant Article 25: \$55,000 for ConCom. pass<br>Change of Use Tax: ? not listed<br>Report: Seeing a lot more use of the trails on the town forests and conservation lands. Working on improving and increasing the trail network. Concern that the fund for purchasing conservation lands has been depleted from the last project. As always we appreciate the town's support. |
| 2021 | ConCom: Van Webb, Tim Fleury, Lela Emery, Clifford Field, Mark Reynolds, Terry Mattson, Mat Hurd, Barbara Chalmers, alt: Ginny Gywnn<br>Warrant Article 15: \$40,000 for Con Com passed Yes 810 No 368<br>Warrant Article 20: \$5700 from town forest fund to expend on trail network at Ledge Pond pass Yes 873 no 326<br>Report: New members, full board. Completed timber sale at ledge pond and a new trail.   |