

Present: Van Webb, Mark Reynolds, Cliff Fields, Ginny Gwynn, Barbara Chalmers

Absent: Tim Fleury, Terri Mattson, Matt Hurd

Guests: Shannon Martinez, Town Manager, Betty Nowak, Energy Committee

Those noted above met at Town Hall. The following was discussed:

1. MINUTES

Motion to approve January minutes by Ginny, 2nd by Mark. Cliff abstained. Approved unanimously.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mark reported little change in accounts, current balance remains \$99K. Shift of funds to one consolidated bank account to be addressed later in year. 2021 expenditures exceeded the budget with overage covered from forest fund. Shannon to confirm process going forward. Motion to accept report by Van, 2nd by Ginny, approved unanimously. Mark to confirm change of use tax funds from past years have been transferred to ConCom account.

3. MAIL

Wetlands Board Applications:

Burkehaven Island dock repairs, letter requiring more information.

Town granted permit for removable harbor dock for police boat.

Wetlands Board Alleged Violations:

Flint-Sleeper Road culvert construction: Wetlands to be mapped and submitted.

Cibitto-Lake Ave Geo. Mills: Tree cutting in buffer & impervious surfaces: no update.

4. INVOICES None

5. PRESENTATIONS - VISITORS

Solar Array Siting: Town manager Shannon Martinez and Betty Nowak of the Energy Committee (EC) attended regarding siting of a solar array on town forest north of the sewer treatment plant. Shannon has reviewed RSA 31:110 governing town forests and is of the opinion that the law is clear, their purpose is the proper management of natural resources consistent with the forest management plan, with no mention of renewable energy (solar arrays.) She also consulted the author of a NH Municipal Association article about town forest law, who concurs. To install a solar array on the proposed site, the required land area must be removed from the town forest by a 2023 town meeting warrant article along with a second warrant article regarding the array.

Betty Nowak explained that the EC had met with the Selectmen about the site, not knowing that the ConCom had jurisdiction over this land. During 2021 the EC, with vendor Revision Energy, evaluated about 8 town sites for solar arrays. She explained economics dictates siting the array 'behind the meter', at the point of energy use. This limits arrays to the town's biggest power users: SMHS and the sewerage treatment plant. Due to structural limitations, the school district is not interested in an array on the school roof. This leaves the treatment plant as the only option. Betty does not agree that RSA 31:110 is so clear cut to disallow siting an array on town forest land. Ginny asked about the viability of the hillside slope, to which Betty responded that the slope is within the max allowable range.

ConCom members want more information to decide if loss of town forest land is warranted, including: requirements for site land preparation, use of herbicides, acreage required, and the array cost-benefit analysis. Van noted that the forest provides significant carbon sequestration. Most of the graveled area north of the sewer plant is used for plant equipment storage, a transmission line right-of-way, and an active snowmobile recreational corridor.

Maintaining an area that meets the plant's needs over the array life must be considered. Any removal of land from the town forest should look at both the plant's needs and the array siting.

Betty explained that the EC is at conceptual design. Their process is: 1) conceptual array design 2) town vote for the array 3) with yes vote, get 3 array design-build proposals 4) select a design/builder and work out details of the array design and siting with all parties involved. Betty will forward the conceptual analysis provided by Revision Energy (shows \$14,000 in savings for first five years of operation.) She requested all ConCom questions be send to the EC quickly to move the process forward. This will be done following the ConCom's April 6 meeting. Mark noted that he is glad there is time now to have a dialogue about this.

Link to Revision Energy presentation:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uRJjHQhF_7nduZP7BAZq_a272YETY3Dw/view?usp=drive_web

In response to Van's inquiry about the EC, Betty stated that the EC was established by the selectmen about 2019 as an advisory group with power to investigate opportunities of energy savings and sustainability and to improve energy resiliency. The EC has documented energy use for all town buildings, completed 4 building energy audits, and investigated potential solar array sites. Regarding the town hydro-electric plant, they have met with the town's consultant and are beginning to understand its operation and agreements.

Trail Maintenance Volunteers: Shannon provided a best-practices guidance document for use of volunteers (see attached) and will get us volunteer forms. ConCom will proceed with planning a volunteer trail maintenance day in early May, probably for Ledge Pond, and will get the word out on our web-page and thru Project Sunapee.

Information Posting: Information to be considered by the ConCom will be posted in real time on our web-site. All discussions will be conducted at monthly meetings. Shannon will be in touch with Barbara for facilitating website posting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

View Easement: Report from Tim re 50-50 cost share with land owner of \$1,200 +/- survey, plan, and easement field marking services postponed to next meeting.

Peer Review Meetings: Mark reported that the Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Zoning Administrator were present and that he was welcomed. Discussion regarded future zoning and building enforcement officer and how that would interface with the Fire Chief's responsibilities regarding Life Safety Code enforcement. Mark was advised of a possible residential development planned off Nutting Road by Penacook Path. Mark will continue to attend these once-a-month meetings, noting early information dissemination is critical for collaboration. Shannon added, read the minutes of the other town boards and committees.

Ledge Pond Map & Trail Naming: MeadowsEnd map showing new trail was accepted for the trail head kiosk. Conceptual map of future trail is available. Mark made a motion to name the new trail created by Lucien Osborne as "Lucien's Way", 2nd by Barbara, vote unanimous.

Town Forest Guidelines: No overnight parking and clarifying use by hunters will be added to existing guidelines. Barbara noted that the list needs some editing for wordsmithing consistency. See attached proposed revisions.

Other Old Business Pending:

Knotweed / Invasives partnering action plan proposal – Ginny.

Hiking trail arrow markers: Barbara to send Van info on purchasing markers.

Map of Municipal Sewer - Barbara

7. NEW BUSINESS

Natural Resources Inventory (NRI): Proposal to update the 2010 Natural Resources Inventory from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Planning Commission was reviewed. It provides a range of possible services and costs. All agreed we need to update the NRI in conjunction with the Town Master Plan update now underway. Cliff made a motion to spend up to \$7,500 with a discussion of work scope at the first meeting with the UVLSPC planner, Olivia Chitayat Uyizeye. 2nd by Ginny, approved unanimously. Barbara will contact Olivia to set up a zoom meeting with her to begin the process at our March 2 meeting.

ConCom Overview: Barbara provided a draft summary of Conservation Commission relevant laws, responsibilities, established priorities, and resources, assembled so that new members can better understand the commission's work. The draft, attached, will be discussed next month, then finalized. Also attached is a condensed summary of the Sunapee Conservation Commission's history, gleaned from Town Reports and local newspapers.

Collection of 2022 Use Data: ConCom is interested in collecting data to document our sense that town forests are being used more than ever before for recreation. Some suggestions include: a sign about this effort at each trail head with a bag of numbered tickets. Trail users would take a ticket, with counts checked monthly. Call for a featured hiking trail on Project Sunapee email blast. Ask for user testimonials on how and how often they use town forests.

Meeting adjourned 9:30 PM

Next Meeting: March 2.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Chalmers, acting secretary

Attachments:

- A: Primex Volunteer guidelines
- B: Ledge Pond Trail Map and Proposed Trail Map
- C: Draft Rules for Town Forests
- D: UVLSPC Natural Resources Inventory update proposal
- E: Draft ConCom Overview and Land Map
- F: ConCom History Summary

Volunteers and Interns

PRIMEX³ RISK MANAGEMENT BULLETIN

Status

Volunteers are persons who perform work for a defined period of time without compensation in order to contribute. Interns are persons placed in a work setting for a defined period of time without compensation to gain educational enrichment. Neither role constitutes an employment relationship.

Primex³ Coverage

Neither role would enable the person in it to be covered by the public entity's workers compensation insurance (with the exception of the few special categories of public safety volunteers recognized as "employees" under RSA 281-A). Interns hosted by a public entity are not covered by the public entity's liability insurance. Volunteers, however, have coverage through the public entity for covered claims occurring within the scope and course of their official volunteer duties. Public entities hosting internships and utilizing volunteer services have liability coverage for covered claims that occur in the scope and course of administering and supervising these arrangements.



Department of Labor Compliance

Volunteers do not present a compliance concern if they are properly documented and treated as volunteers. Effective documentation and practices will protect against claims that a volunteer is actually an employee that should be made whole. Volunteers should generally be age 18 or older. Youth volunteers present special concerns because of youth labor laws, and should only be allowed to volunteer with written parental consent for a limited assignment that is safe, brief and not recurring. Youth volunteers should furnish "working papers" and the assignments should comply with youth labor laws. Youth volunteer scenarios, because they vary greatly and have significant legal implications, should be reviewed with your legal counsel.

Click the links below for more detailed information.

https://www.nh.gov/nhsl/documents/best_practice_volunteers.pdf

<https://www.nh.gov/labor/inspection/wage-hour/youth-employment.htm>

<https://www.nh.gov/labor/documents/child-labor-guide.pdf>

Interns, barring any regulatory exception, should only be accepted in conjunction with a Department of Labor (DOL) approved "school to work" program and if your agency has been approved as a host site: <https://www.nh.gov/labor/inspection/school-to-work.htm> Interns, from the DOL perspective, can't be utilized as a source of labor; they are allowed in the workplace for educational enrichment as it relates to the workplace. Internship placements typically should involve an agreement between the school and the host relative to responsibilities and expectations, and should provide for written proof of parental consent in the case of minors. The host site should request documentation of parental consent and that the educational program is presently DOL approved.

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DOL compliance will turn on documentation and practices. DOL review would likely focus on whether a person was properly classified and managed in their role. Lack of documentation is of course construed against the entity.

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INTERN!**

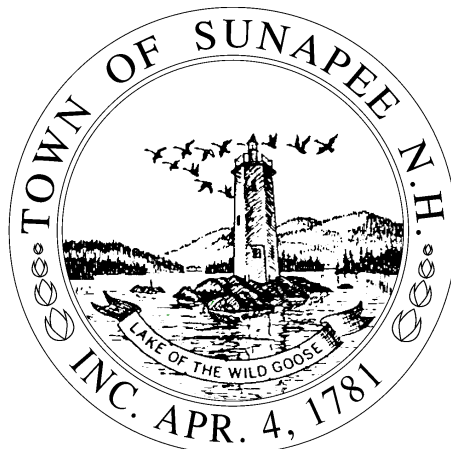
Background Checks

County Commissioners may require any volunteer to submit to background check. RSA 28:10-c. In a Town Manager form of local government, a public entity may require volunteers who work with children, the elderly, public funds, or who enter citizens' homes, to undergo a background check. RSA 41:9-b. In schools, volunteers whose roles place them in proximity to children generally must receive a background check. RSA 189:13-a.

Some Best Practices

- Use an "Intern File" or "Volunteer" file in the person's name to hold documentation.
- Implement an efficient on-boarding process that includes application, agreement, background check when applicable, completion and review of necessary paperwork, review and distribution of applicable policies (behavioral and safety) and procedures, review of assignments, program or functions, introduction to supervisor(s) or mentor(s), training as needed, tour of relevant facility, etc.
- Use an agreement that establishes status, mutual expectations, authority, and responsibilities.
- Don't allow service or internship to begin until all paperwork is completed and on file.
- Keep track of hours and monitor activities to ensure that persons remain within roles.
- Review with relevant staff how to professionally interact with interns and/or volunteers, and keep an eye out to make sure the interaction proceeds smoothly.
- Review the person's file to ensure it contains information sufficient to establish the person's lawful role in the context of a DOL review.
- Prevent interns and volunteers (with the exception of specialized public safety volunteers recognized by RSA 281-A) from encountering any dangerous tasks, equipment or environments.
- Meet with intern or volunteer as practicable to ensure the experience is on track and consider having a brief exit discussion at the end of the arrangement to wrap-up.
- Document termination of the arrangement.

If you have any questions, please contact your Risk Management Consultant at 800-698-2364.



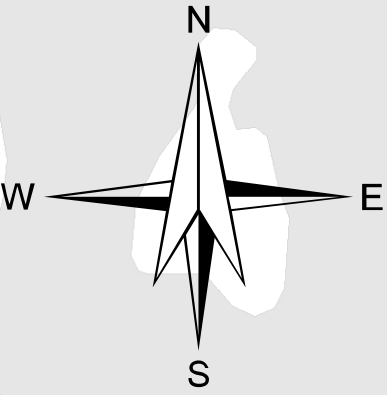
Sunapee Town Forest Ledge Pond Recreational Trails

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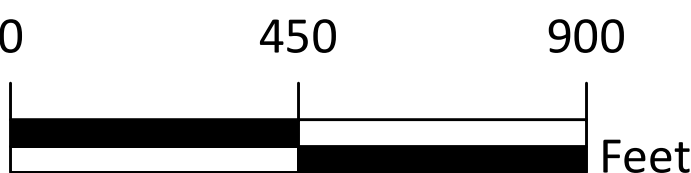
Town of Sunapee
Town Forest
Remote Lot

Town of Sunapee
Town Forest
Shoreline Buffer

LEDGE POND



1 inch = 300 feet



Legend

- Town Forest Boundary
- Trail
- Road
- Stonewalls
- Town Road
- Streams
- Contour Line
- Parking
- Kiosk

PROSPECT HILL RD

MEADOWBROOK RD

Powerline

Wetland

Lichen Trail

Ledge Pond Trail

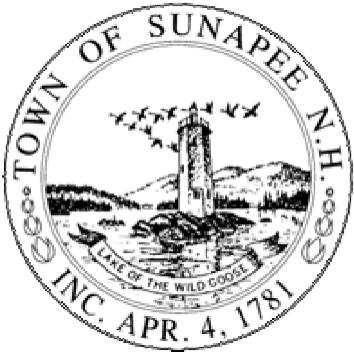
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ROUTE 11

KEYES RD



Town of Sunapee
Ledge Pond Lot
Proposed Recreation Trail

Sunapee, New Hampshire

90.4 Mapped Acres

Tax Map 206, Lot 7

Map Notes:
This is not a survey, nor
is it intended to be used as
a survey.
Imagery from 2015.

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Feet



Attachment C

Town of Sunapee Conservation Commission RULES OF USE FOR TOWN FOREST PROPERTIES

www.town.sunapee.nh.us/conservation-commission

Welcome to Sunapee Town Forest land.

Please help us maintain this Town Forest for the enjoyment of all by observing our rules:

- Hiking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing are welcomed, stay on trails.
- Snowmobiles are welcomed, stay on designated trails only.
- **Motorized wheeled vehicles are not allowed.**
- Hunting and fishing are welcomed consistent with State law.
- Trapping / tree stands allowed only by permission of Sunapee Conservation Commission.
- Park in designated areas. No overnight parking.
- No fires. No camping.
- No littering - carry out what you carry in. Clean up after dogs, especially on trails.
- No removal of any structure, plant, or natural feature.
- No cutting of firewood.
- No boat storage (canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, wind surfers, rowboats etc.)
- Please respect abutting properties.

The Sunapee Conservation Commission oversees town forests. Each lot has its own uniqueness, terrain, and wildlife habitats. Management by this group of volunteers includes:

- Educating the public about the use of these resources to enjoy, protect, and preserve.
- Establishing trails, access, and maps that highlight features of each site.

Volunteers are always needed to accomplish these goals. If you would like to help Sunapee preserve its natural resources, please call the town office to leave your name and number. A Conservation Commission member will contact you to see how you can help. The Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month, 7 PM, at Sunapee Town Office.

For more information contact:

Sunapee Town Office 603-763-2212 M-T-Th-F 9-5, Wed 9-1

Attachment D

To: Barbara Chalmers, Sunapee Conservation Commission
From: Olivia Chitayat Uyizeye, Planner / Senior GIS Analyst
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
Date: January 19, 2022

As promised, here is a list of possible services UVLSRPC can provide for your NRI update. I could not find your NRI document from 2009 (just its reference in the master plan natural resource chapter). If you'd like to discuss our services further, it will be good for me to look at this to ensure any future estimate is more accurate. If there is something of interest not listed here or is a modification of a listed item, do not hesitate to follow up.

I've also included a list of our NRI best practices and a few resources as you discuss this work.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Olivia

List of UVLSRPC NRI services and approximate cost

1. Attend 4 Cons Comm work sessions (half virtual and half in-person)
Approx \$900
2. Data Update (includes tables, text and maps with most current information based on 2009 NRI Format)
Approx \$3,000
3. Modify or review writing / format for easy readability (includes images, content re-organization, and language update)
Range \$1,000 - \$3,000 depending on extent of work requested.
4. Add new chapter/data/focus area, such as a climate change chapter or citizen science summaries (i.e., eBird, iNaturalist)
Approx \$1,000 per topic
5. Natural Resources Co-Occurrence Analysis
Approx \$1,200
6. Conservation Plan Update
Approx \$700
7. Assistance with Site Visit or Stakeholder conversations to inform Conservation Plan
Range \$350-\$1,200 depending on extent of assistance requested
8. Online Story Map
Approx \$500

A short list of **best practices** from my perspective.

- Celebrate your past successes
- Update the data. Review to make sure it is correct to the best of your knowledge
- Set priority areas based on local concerns, if modeling off an example
- Scout potential sites for priority protection
- Discuss action steps with those who may have a stake during the process
- Identify who will lead each action and when actions will be completed. Be reasonable but still ambitious
- Communication. Think ahead on how you would like this to land in the community. This will inform the final deliverable format.
- Connect the NRI to other planning documents and activities

A few **example inventory/assessments** for you

- Town of Barrington's "Natural Resources Assessment" (basically a somewhat scaled down version of an NRI is my understanding). That is available here: https://www.barringtonconcom.org/barrington_draft_nra_070819/
- not an NRI but the Moose Mountains Regional Greenways conservation action https://mmrg.info/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/MMRG-Conservation-Action-Plan_final-report.pdf
- Town of Epping 2017 NRI <https://www.eppingoutdoors.com/resources/nri/>

You can also find more NRI resources and examples here

- <https://www.takingactionforwildlife.org/resources/resources-communities-conservation-groups> (about half way down the page).

NH Conservation Commission Law: RSA 36-A:2

1963 - State Law, in general the city or town conservation commission shall:

- Properly utilize and protect natural resources for the protection of watershed resources of their town.
- Conduct research into local land and water areas,
- Seek to coordinate activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes
- Prepare and distribute information for its work
- Keep an index of all open space, all natural, aesthetic or ecological areas, marshes, swamps, and wetlands.
- Recommend a program of protection or better utilization of all such areas.

Sunapee Conservation Commission (ConCom)

1965 - ConCom established by Town Meeting warrant article vote.

- Conservation Commission (Protection) Priorities, as published Jan 2010
First Priority: Water quality
Next Priorities (unranked):
 - Wildlife habitat
 - Ag & forest land
 - Recreation land
 - Unfragmented open space
 - Scenic resources
 - Historic resources
- ConCom Funding: town appropriations, income from timber sales, gifts
- ConCom administers designated land parcel funds (Dewey Woods & Garnet Hill Park funds)
- See separate condensed Sunapee ConCom History.

NH Town and City Forests Law: RSA 31:110 to 112

1975 - State Law, in general town forests shall:

- Be established by town vote with land purchased, gifted, leased.
- Encourage the proper management of timber, firewood and other natural resources through planting, timber stand improvement, thinning, harvesting, reforestation, and other multiple use programs consistent with the forest management program.
- Be managed by a forest committee or ConCom of 3 to 5 members appointed by selectmen with terms of 1 to 3 years, include a town tree warden if one. Chairman shall serve without compensation and report annually to town and to Director of the NH Division of Forests and Lands. Vacancies filled by appointment.

Sunapee Town Forests

2002 - Town Forests established by Town Meeting Warrant Article 20 including:

- Forest Lots:
 1. Ledge Pond Lot, 104-ac Map 10, lot 15
 2. Dewey Woods, 101-ac comprised of 5 parcels: Map 6 Lot 6, 7, 9 Map 23 Lot 7, 21
 3. Tilton-Morse Lots, (Ski Tow Hill) 20.5-ac in 2 parcels: Map 6, lot 1 and Map 4 Lot 21E
 4. Tyler-Bartlett Lots (Garnet Hill Park) 50-ac Map 6 lot 47
 5. Flint-Webb lot of 1971 (Wetland west of Rte 11, south of Trow Rico) 40-ac Map 8, Lot 6
 6. Barrett (Archery) Lot (w/ municipal sewage treatment plant) 41-ac Map 5 Lot 22
- ConCom authorized to manage the town forests under RSA 31:112 II
- Non-lapsing town forest maintenance fund established for proceeds from managing forests.
- 2012 Warrant Article 19: Added Fieldstone Drive 26-ac (access to Flint-Webb lot)

- 2014 Warrant Article 33: Added Wendell Marsh North
- 2017 Warrant Article 29: Added Wendell Marsh South

NH Conservation and Preservation Restrictions Law: RSA 477: 45-47 (Conservation Easements)

1973 - NH law, in general established to:

- Create conservation, preservation, and ag preservation easements as legal agreements between land owners and land trusts or conservation groups which place permanent restrictions on land use to protect natural, historic, or ag use features consistent with protection of environmental quality.
- Limit or prohibit subdivision of the property, erection of structures thereon, and may prohibit commercial activity, topsoil removal, activities that disturb wildlife habitat.
- Permit uses including: agriculture, forestry, wildlife management.
- Allow or not allow public access.
- Run with the land and bind future land owners.
- Be enforced by a regular, documented monitoring program.

NH Land Trust (LCIP)

1986 - LCIP founded by organizations concerned about rapid and indiscriminate growth.

- 1987 NH legislature authorized \$20mill for purchase of land or development rights.
- ConCom is responsible for local administration of program.
- 1988 ConCom authorized to contribute funds for buying conservation land.
- 1989 LCIP first land protected: 500+ acres in Sunapee of ag, forest, and wetlands by land owners: J. Johnson, G. Nielsen, R. Webb, J. & E. Harrison (land bordered by Rte-103, Young Hill Rd, Stagecoach Rd) with public recreation route along 10,000-ft former railroad tracks.

NH Land & Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) Law RSA 227-M

2000 – NH law established LCHIP as an independent state authority to:

- Grant matching funds for community & non-profit conservation and preservation of NH natural, cultural, and historic resources.
- Funding by a fee on docs registered at County Registry Offices and sale of Moose plates was established in 2008.
- Town of Sunapee Participation: 2009 ConCom authorized to contribute funds to qualified organizations to purchase conservation land not held by town.

Ausbon Sargent Land Conservation Trust Easements in Sunapee (town & private ownership lands)

1987 - private, non-profit Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust was founded.

- 1992 Gordon-Chetwood Lot, 19.5-ac at Jobs Creek Rd with lake shore by Twin Islands
- 1992 Otter Pond Assoc. w/ ConCom, backup grantee, Lot, 2-ac of wetland at Oak Ridge Rd
- 2000 Webb Forest Preserve, 376-ac managed woodlot at Harding Hill Rd
- 2002 Webb Harding Hill Farm, 37-ac, managed woodlot at Harding Hill Rd
- 2003 Jolyon Johnson Lot, 34.1-ac in 2 parcels at Route-11
- 2004 Simpson Reserve Lot, 114.8-ac Red Water Creek wetlands at Hells Corner Rd
- 2004 Marcia Wright Lot, 27-ac Red Water Creek north wetlands, at Route-103-B
- 2006 Webb Dane Lot, 74-ac managed woodlot at Cross Rd
- 2006 Webb Harrison Lot, 69-ac managed woodlot at Youngs Hill Rd
- 2010 Stockwell Lot, 1.69-ac wetlands at Otter Pond
- 2010 Town Forest - Ledge Pond, 103-ac including 41% or 5,100-ft of shoreline
- 2013 Town Forest - Wendell Marsh North 136-ac, Ryder Corner Rd
- 2015 Sorento/Gallup Lot, 37-ac at end of Avery Rd
- 2015 Town Forest - Wendell Marsh South, 143-ac
- 2018 Town Forest - Wendell Marsh Expansion, 39.5 ac

- 2019 Rowell-MacWilliams Lot, 265-ac at Perkins Pond Rd and Dodge Pasture Rd
- 2020 Nutting Farm, 84.4-ac at Stagecoach Rd

Other Sunapee Conservation Land:

NH Fish & Game Department Land:

- 1959 Wendell Marsh Dam Lot, 10-ac with Sugar River dam operations to benefit water fowl & fish, at Route 11.
- 2001 Dobles Lot, 99-ac woodlot at Dobles Road

NH Current Use Law: RSA 79-A

1973 - NH law, in general established to:

- Preserve open space by assessing land at its actual current use value, not at its highest and best use, typically as developed land.
- Requires min. 10-acre undeveloped ag or forest parcels; wetlands of any size.
- If land is removed from current use, a one-time 10% land use change tax (LUCT) is assessed based on market value at time of change. Land owner at time of change pays the tax.
- Land may be subdivided as long as lots meet 10-acre min.
- An additional 20% reduction in land assessment is available if land is open to rec activities such as: hiking, fishing, hunting, nature observation, skiing, snowshoeing.
- Land placed in current use, retains status forever unless land use is changed or the parcel size changes to below 10-acre min.
- NH Current Use in 2019: 3,000,000+ acres of 5,740,000 total acres.
- SUNAPEE Current Use in 2019: 6,542 acres of 13,484 total acres or 49% of land; owned by 153 parties in 234 parcels.
- New London, Newbury, Newport & Springfield: CU land is +/- 10% of Sunapee. Croydon and Goshen are about 80% current use. (From NH Bulletin and NH Dept of Revenue Admin)
- 1997 ConCom receives 50% or \$2,500 max cap of use change tax (LUCT) paid in town each year. In 2003 cap was removed.

NH Wetlands Permits

1972 - NH law allowed local ConCom to review & comment on Dredge & Fill permit applications.

- Activities in wetlands, waterbodies, and adjacent land requires state, local, and/or federal permits. Activities can include: excavation, fill, dredge, removal, construction of structures.
- NH DES Wetlands Bureau administers and monitors applications & permits.
des.nh.gov/water/wetlands/permit-assistance
- 3 wetlands permit application types:
1) Mineral Dredge 2) Expedited Minimum Impact 3) Standard Dredge & Fill
- At start of DES review, applications are sent to local ConCom for review and comment.

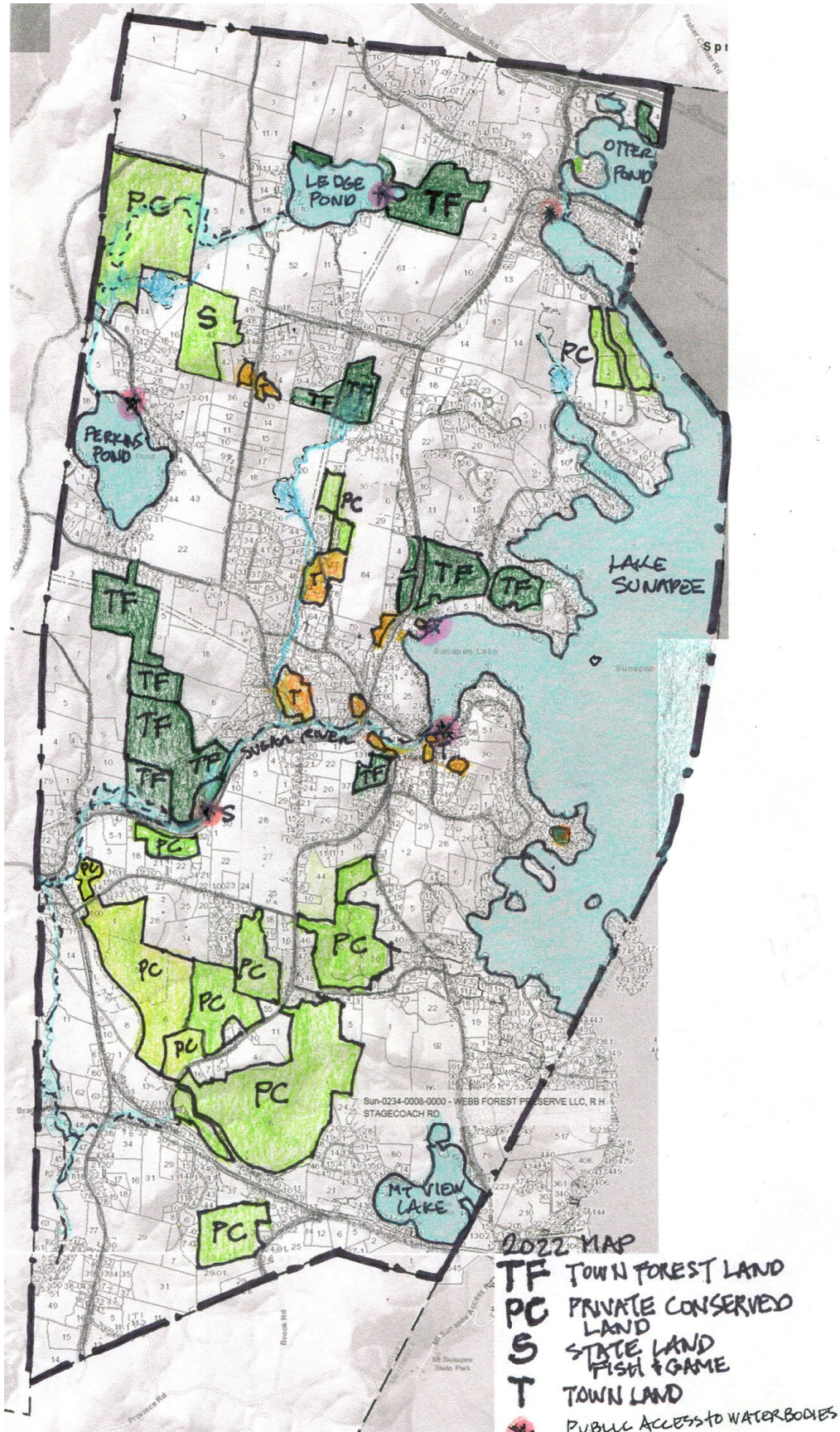
Natural Resources Inventories (NRI)

- NRIs are integral in the process of identifying and prioritizing natural resources.
- Support land use planning, voluntary land conservation, and resource protection.
See UNH Extension Service: extension.unh.edu/nhnriguide
- Tool to educate the public, update masterplans & zoning, and review proposed developments
- Establish priorities such as water resources, wildlife habitat, farmlands, scenic views
- Establish goals such as water resource assessment, updating regs, public education
- Updating NRIs: Review prior resource maps, master plans, conservation priorities

- NRIs include:
 - 1) Water Resources & Wetlands:
 - Surface waters (ponds, rivers, lakes, streams)
 - Water shed mapping, water quality monitoring/change
 - Floodplains, imperious surface mapping
 - Ground water, aquifers, wellhead protection areas
 - Public water sources / Private water sources (Public sewage system coverage area)
 - Wetlands and hydric (wetland) soils
 - Wetlands buffer zone size adequacy
 - 2) Wildlife Resources:
 - See 2015 NH Wildlife Action Plan for endangered resources and declining habitats
 - Wildlife species inventory (community sightings and locating vernal pools)
 - 3) Farmland:
 - Active farm inventory, prime farm soils locations
 - 4) Forests:
 - Mapping forest types (NH is 82% forested, development reduced this by 5% since 1960. In 1870 Sunapee was about 80% open land.)
 - NH Natural Heritage Bureau: List of rare Plants, Animals & Exemplary Natural Communities
 - 5) Unique Geological Resources: Mines, quarries, rock features (examples: historic mica mines, historic/active granite quarries, Indian Cave, Bears Den, Pulcifer Rock)
 - 6) Cultural Resources:
 - Scenic: vistas and viewpoints, scenic road designations, site.google.com/view/lakesunapeescenicbyway
 - Recreation: Hiking & snowmobile trail inventory, discontinued roads, parks, lake & pond public access, fishing spots
 - Historic: Graveyards, dam sites, stone walls, cellar holes, archaeologic sites, historic buildings, abandoned roadways
 - 7) Conservation & Public Lands: Private land w/ conservation easements, town, state, federal lands.
 - 8) Unfragmented Blocks: Undeveloped landscape significant for wildlife habitat with few or no roads (Class 5 and 6 excluded). They are defined by road network & development and categorized by size.
- Other Important Map Resources:
 - Topographic: Steep slope zones and ridgeline protection
 - Zoning & Parcel Tax Maps
 - Regional Conservation Plans
 - Municipal Water and Sewer System maps

DRAFT: MAP of CONSERVATION LAND & TOWN LAND in SUNAPEE

Sunapee ConCom



Sunapee Conservation Commission History

Attach F Feb 2022 Compiled by B.B. Chalmers

Sources: Town Reports, Argus Champion

Year Members /Appropriations / Accomplishments

- 1963 Aug NH Conservation Commission law RSA 36A went into effect
- 1965 Warrant Article 26: To establish a ConCom per RSA 36A. (passed) Dick Webb appointed chairman, held post to 1971.
- 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.
- 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 wooded 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.
- 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
- 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.
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.

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- 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.
Emergency fire wood cutting in 5-acres of Dewey Woods.
State Dredge and Fill applications now being reviewed by ConCom

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1975	ConCom: Stan Colby, Louis Charon, Richard Morrow, Ernest Towne, Ralph Leone, Richard Morse, Eileen Stiles Warrant article 15: \$200 for ConCom. Pass 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 Warrant articles: none Appropriation: \$300 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 Warrant articles: None Appropriation: \$1,000 Change in Use Tax: \$550 (First year reported) 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 Warrant Article 27: \$20K to buy 10-ac John Holteen lot on Ledge Pond. Pass? Appropriation: \$700 Change in Use Tax: \$3,222 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 Warrant Articles: none Appropriation: \$700 Change in Use Tax: \$3,522 Report: none
1980	ConCom: Ernest Towne, John Dargie, Stephen Warren, Violet Andrews, Ralph Leone Warrant article 25: \$3,081 for marking and lumber sale of Webb-Flint, Tyler-Bartlett, and Barrett-Archery lots. Pass? Appropriation: \$700 Change of Use Tax: \$1,938 Report: none
1981	ConCom; Ernest Towne, John Dargie, Stephen Warren, Violet Andrews, Ralph Leone Warrant articles: none Appropriation: \$700 Change of Use Tax: none Report: ConCom has not been active this year.

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- 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, Barbara 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 Article 13: \$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,
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

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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. 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.

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- 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
Report: None
Argus Champion: ConCom voted to deed Ben Mere property acquired by gifts and state grant to town as requested by Selectmen

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- 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 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

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- 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 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

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- 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
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

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- 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
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

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	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 Article19: 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 Warrant Article 18: \$55,000 for ConCom. Pass Change of Use Tax: ? 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

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Warrant Article 26: \$55,000 for ConCom Pass

Warrant article 29: Wendell Marsh South added to town forests. Pass

Change of Use Tax: ?

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

Warrant Article:

Change of Use Tax: \$6,375

Report:

2019 ConCom: Van Webb, Tim Fleury, Lela Emery, Clifford Field, Mark Reynolds

Warrant Article 25: \$55,000 for ConCom pass

Change of Use Tax: ? not listed

Report: Thank you for your support.

2020 ConCom: Van Webb, Tim Fleury, Lela Emery, Clifford Field, Mark Reynolds

Warrant Article 25: \$55,000 for ConCom. pass

Change of Use Tax: ? not listed

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.