

ANNUAL REPORT—CALENDAR YEAR 2013
ROWE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The five-member Conservation Committee met as needed to address matters brought before it during the calendar year 2013.

Receipt of **Notice of Intent**

4/22/13 TransCanada Hydro, Northeast, proposed repairs to Sherman Dam area
5/24/13 Conservation Commission approved the proposed work and issued an *Order of Conditions*

5/17/13 Bertin Engineering for Seaboard Solar, proposed installation of solar array on Tunnel Rd.

10/15/13 Conservation Commission approved the proposed work and issued an *Order of Conditions*

Receipt of Request for **Determination of Applicability**

12/17/12 40 Shippee Rd., John Gates, proposed repair to septic system

2/20/13 Conservation Commission issued a *Negative Determination*, allowing the work to proceed.

7/19/13 86 Pond Rd., Rowe School, proposed re-building of Rowe School

7/24/13 Conservation Commission issued a *Negative Determination*, allowing the work to proceed.

11/19/13 49 Yankee Road, Yankee Atomic Electric Company, proposed building of an equipment shed

11/21/13 Conservation Commission issued a *Negative Determination*, allowing the work to proceed

Request from Franklin County Cooperative Inspectional Program (FCCIP) to Review Applications for Building Permits

At the request of the FCCIP, the Conservation Commission reviewed the Building Permit Applications and made site visits to *fourteen separate locations* to determine if the proposed construction would violate Massachusetts Wetland Protection Laws. All fourteen applications were approved by the Commission

Exploratory Meetings with Property Owners Considering Work

The Commission met with representatives of Yankee Atomic Electric Company to discuss a proposed logging operation. It was determined that the appropriate course was to prepare and present to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) a Logging Plan for the work proposed. This was done.

Training and Education

In order to assure that members are fully educated and familiar with the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Laws and Regulations, Commission members attended courses and training sessions prepared and presented by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions (MACC), a DEP Wetlands Circuit Rider and Lattrell Ecological

Consultants. A total of sixty-one volunteer hours were spent in training of Commission members.

Respectfully submitted,

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Virginia Gabert, Co-Chair
Thom Chiofalo, Clerk
Prudence Berry
Robert Clancy