

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Hampden Conservation Commission currently has five full time members. We welcomed Jeff Liquori and Bonnie Geromini as members to the Commission this year. We are always anxious to meet people who are interested in joining the Commission and preserving our town's natural resources. If you are interested in helping in this area, speak to any of the Commission members.

Our purpose is to locally administer the provisions of the Town's Wetland Protection By-laws and the Massachusetts Wetland Protection and River Protection Acts. During the past year, we have held twelve regular meetings as well as three special meetings. We received ten Notices of Intent and twelve Requests for Determinations.

The October storm with its heavy rains caused damage to resident and business properties along the streams and rivers in Town. The Commission has assisted in determining the correct procedures to enable work to be completed in a timely manner avoiding further property damage.

We appreciate the work and assistance other Town departments have given towards the stewardship of our natural resources.

The Commission looks forward to continuing its efforts in serving the residents of the Town of Hampden.

Respectfully submitted:

Charles Schmitt, Chairman
Pat Cote
Bonnie Geromini
Phil Grant
Jeff Liquori
Judy Mikkola, Clerk