

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Hampden Conservation Commission currently has five full time members. 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 becoming an associate member and learn about the work of the Conservation Commission, 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. We also function as an advocate for preservation of important local land and water resources, encourage a conservation ethic in the community, and manage conservation lands for a variety of benefits. During the past year, we have held twelve regular meetings as well as three special meetings. We received six Notices of Intent and four Requests for Determinations in addition to overseeing three proposals from previous years.

The Conservation Commission also responds to concerns from town residents regarding possible wetland violations. Site visits have been completed on all reported concerns and appropriate action taken when needed.

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