

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
DECEMBER 2018**

The Plainfield Conservation Commission (PCC) is an advisory commission to the Plainfield Select Board. It was a lean year for your commission. We did manage to address our responsibilities to our publicly conserved properties, e.g. Mud Pond. We also offered some walks that featured Plainfield’s old roads and to see and explore some established pollinator gardens.

Pollinator Gardens

Many towns in the Upper Valley and New England are concentrating on keeping our pollinators (e.g., bees, butterflies, bats, birds, etc.) alive and flourishing. We need these natural pollinators to have a place to feed on the flowers, bugs and water you see every day. We use our lawnmowers and tractors to manicure the natural landscape and feed our livestock. Knowing how to create and nurture a pollinator garden somewhere on your property has become an urgent activity recently.

Conservation Commissions in many American towns have requested that we all work together to provide small or large areas of ground where the pollinators can easily find food and water. The garden may be as simple as to stop mowing a portion of your property and let that area go back to its natural state—even stopping fertilizing that soil! That means lessening that list of chores you have. Even a rotting log with its grubs and ants is food and shelter for some pollinators.

Without our pollinators, our own food supply will dwindle. The pollinators fertilize the sweet-smelling apple blossom so it becomes that juicy apple in late summer and early fall.

Plainfield’s Conservation Commission protects and respects the town’s beautiful landscape. We wish to continue our service to you and our shared land.

Respectfully Submitted, Myra Ferguson, Chair
pcc@plainfieldnh.org

CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUNDS YEAR END BALANCES

Forestry Maintenance Fund	01/01/18 Beg. Balance	\$19,069
Interest earned		\$353
Balance	12/31/18	\$19,423
Conservation Fund	01/01/17 Beg. Balance	\$74,744
Current use penalties		\$12,290
Interest earned		\$1,577
Balance	12/31/18	\$88,611