

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2020 saw relatively little activity from the conservation commission with no in person meetings due to the pandemic. We are encouraging the town to use Beaver Deceivers whenever possible to control the buildup of water near our roads due to the ever industrious beavers. Beaver dams provide flood and erosion control on our waterways by slowing the flows of our increasingly severe flood events such as the Christmas rain/melt of this past year. Beaver ponds also provide critical habitat for plants and animals - wetlands like these are the most productive of the natural resources in our town. We continue to provide information and support to individual landowners as questions about land use arise. The fund balances are healthy, which could mean that we need to seek out projects that protect our natural resources. Input on possible projects from folks in town would be appreciated.

Forest Maintenance Fund

January 01, 2020	\$19,844.19
2020 Interest	<u>\$124.38</u>
December 31, 2020	\$19,968.57

Conservation Fund

January 01, 2020	\$96,905.08
2020 Interest	<u>607.38</u>
December 31 st , 2020	\$97,512.46

Current use penalties due to CC from 2019	\$1,695
Current use penalties due to CC from 2020	\$13,350

Respectfully submitted,

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