

The Biodiversity Committee of The Conservation Commission

Town of Hanover, NH

Mission Statement

The mission of the Biodiversity Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission is to promote and protect the biodiversity of the various ecosystems in the Town of Hanover including their indigenous flora and fauna species.

Purposes

- To develop and occasionally update an Action Plan to support the town's biodiversity
- To review and advise on public policy related to invasive species found in Hanover
- To help identify native, indigenous and invasive species
- To educate the public about the critical importance of biodiversity
- To coordinate biodiversity efforts of various local groups
- To recommend to the Conservation Commission grant funding related to biodiversity to be used either solely for the Town of Hanover or in conjunction with other organizations in the Upper Valley.

Members

- The committee must include a member of the Conservation Commission.
- Interested members of the public including representatives of the Hanover Garden Club, the Hanover Conservancy, the Sustainable Hanover Committee, the local schools, the Dartmouth Outing Club and Hanover's Department of Public Works, etc.

Meetings

- The full committee will meet at least once per year.
- Meetings of subcommittees and work groups will meet as needed.

Procedures

- Commission approval is required for:
 - Restoration projects on town land.
 - An approved project will normally proceed without further intervention from the Commission in regard to such matters as setting dates, recruiting volunteers, or distribution of educational material.
 - Expenditures of town funds.
 - Distribution of educational materials.
 - Narrowly distributed information does not require such approval.
- The Committee shall keep the Commission informed of its plans and activities through minutes and monthly reports by the Commission's member.
- The Commission will assist in *communicating with* abutters of activities such as herbicide use or of situations where control work might best cross property boundaries.

Funding

- Funds for activities may come from various sources including private donations, the Conservation Commission budget, the Conservation Fund, and grants from organizations such as the Hanover Garden Club and Hanover Conservancy