

HARTLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Hartland Conservation Commission continued to meet throughout the year and dealt with a number of issues concerning conservation and land use.

During 1991 three issues of Common Ground were published and sent to all landowners and residents of Hartland. This newspaper has been funded by the State of Vermont under an Act 200 grant. Topics covered included the water quality in Lulls Brook, Damon Hall past and present, pictures of historic houses, wetland rules in Vermont, and current events throughout the town.

The Commission has also had representation on a joint committee with the towns of Hartford, Norwich and Thetford Conservation Commissions dealing with public trails and greenways. At present there are no definite plans for any trails and greenways in Hartland but we are working towards developing projects which may be important to the town. Possible trails or greenways which have been discussed include connecting Three Corners with Four Corners; connecting the Elementary School with Three Corners; and also a trail along the Connecticut River.

An important issue the Commission dealt with during 1991 was the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District's plan for a regional landfill. Commission members attended the public meetings on criteria and proposed sites in Phase I and Phase II of the siting process. We met with the project engineer and executive director and provided written as well as verbal comment on the sites in Hartland. This is an ongoing process and we will continue to be involved.

The Historic Inventory was completed this year in conjunction with the Historic Society's book "In Sight of Ye Great River." Over 300 properties over 100 years old have been mapped and plotted on the town's ortho photos. The Commission is working on mapping other important features of the town to help with the planning process.

Members of the Commission made a site visit to the Town Forest. We are now in the process of developing a strategy for the maintenance and usage of the property.

We would like to thank Jim May for the time he served on our board before moving to the School Board.

Respectively submitted,
Greg Chase, *Chairman*