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HARTLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Hartland Conservation Commission met during the year in general on the first Monday of the month. Additional meetings were held during the summer months.

Our main project during the year was the reconstruction of Cady Brook Trail. Severe damage was caused by the overflow from a failed beaver dam at the top of the trail in the spring of 1992, rendering the trail virtually impassable by all but foot traffic. The Commission obtained a \$5,000 grant from the Joint River Commissions Partnership Program, and this was supplemented by a contribution of \$2,000 from the Green Mountain Horse Association, whose members use the trail for horseback and horse-drawn carriage trail rides.

A volunteer work day was held on September 11th to begin repairs on the lower section of the trail, and we would like to thank Walt Garrow and the Hartland Boy Scouts and all those who helped. A contractor was hired to repair the upper end of the trail, where the worst damage occurred, and work was completed in September. The trail is now passable once again and can be enjoyed by all. Additional repairs will be done in the coming year.

The Hartland Town Forest is located on the Cady Brook Trail, and since the trail improvements, there is now adequate access to the Forest from two directions. During the work on the trail, a small picnic area was cleared and two picnic tables were purchased and placed at the area. In the coming year we will continue to improve the Town Forest to make it a quality recreation area for the residents of Hartland.

In February, some members attended the second annual meeting of Upper Valley Conservation Commissions sponsored by the Upper Valley Land Trust at the Montshire Museum in Norwich. It is always interesting to see what projects and interests other commissions are involved with, and we plan to be represented at the 1994 meeting.

The Commission also participated in conservation-related workshops, assisted in Hartland's Green-Up Day, and created a float for the Fourth of July Old Home Day parade, which won second prize.

We continue to monitor the status of prime agricultural land in Hartland and will assist in the conservation of important parcels. We administer the Conservation Trust Fund which was set up to facilitate land protection activities within the town. Contributions to this fund are always welcome and greatly appreciated.

Our meetings are open to the public and cover a wide variety of issues. We are pleased to serve the conservation needs of the Town of Hartland.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Johnson
Chair