

Hartland Conservation Commission Activities in 2015

The Conservation Commission had a productive year thanks to all of our dedicated members!

E. coli Testing Hits the 10-Year Mark

In 2005 we began testing two times a year for E.coli levels along Lull’s Brook. Since then, we’ve added a site at Sumner’s Falls as well as begun testing for Phosphorous and recording water temperature. All of these are important indicators of water quality and aquatic habitat health.

17-Acre Wood

This year we worked with the elementary school as they start to use this adjacent town property that’s right out their back door for nature study, service work and outdoor classroom activities. We’ve worked with the Town to mark the property boundaries and are planning to pursue funding to build a larger stone staircase for easier access into the park.

Sumner’s Falls Town Park

In April we gave a presentation about Sumner’s Falls Town Park at the Hartland Community Connections breakfast and received many great ideas for the Management Plan. We met with the Upper Valley Land Trust about Sumner’s Falls, the 17-Acre Wood, the town land behind the Park & Ride, and the Jenne Town Forest to explore if these public lands have enough protection to ensure their use for conservation in perpetuity.

Old Home Day Booth

We handed out seeds for native plant pollinator gardens and talked to folks about invasive plants and insects that threaten local habitat - and what to do about them.

Conservation Commission Award

Our Hartland Conservation Commission Award this year went to Ginny White for all of her wonderful support of nature education at Hartland Elementary School and for coordinating Green-Up Day.

