

Conservation Commission Report

The Sandown Conservation Commission enjoyed a much quieter year in 2020.

On February 8, the Conservation Commission hosted their annual Valentines Moonlight Snowshoe Promenade complete with a bonfire, warm drinks, and hiking under the full moon. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for bringing delicious treats.

The Conservation Commission sponsored the Community Garden again this year. The garden is open Memorial Day through mid-October. If you are interested in joining the Community Garden, please contact the Conservation Commission in early May to reserve your plot. The Conservation Commission would like to thank Scott Bassett for tilling the Community Garden again this year.

The Conservation Commission had to make the sad decision of cancelling the 2020 Fishing Derby as well as many other events.

Although Covid-19 dampened a fun packed year which would have been filled with the Fishing Derby and other regular events, the commission was glad to see packed parking lots full of people going outside and staying active throughout Covid-19. The trails were heavily trafficked with curious people wanting to explore what the Wells Village and Fremont Road town forest has to bring to Sandown.

At the end of the summer, Conservation worked with the Library, Cable Advisory Board as well as the Selectman to put on three drive in movie nights for families to enjoy. Thank you to everyone that participated and helped with this fun and socially distant event.

In November, a new metal roof was installed by a local company, Advanced Metal Roofing, on the Red Barn. The Red Barn is situated on the conservation property on Fremont Road. Special thanks to our Selectman Liaison Darren Hudgins for helping with this effort!

The Conservation Commission would like to welcome new Administrative Assistant Colleen Olsen to her new position. The Commission would also like to offer best wishes to former Administrative Assistant and current Commission member Christy Ortins as she embarks on her new career journey of running a Sandown based food truck called *The Hungry Caterpillar*.

The Conservation Commission continues to exist and do meaningful work because of the community support it receives. If you are interested in getting involved with the commission and helping volunteer throughout the seasons, please contact us at colsen@sandown.us. You can also find us on Facebook at *Sandown Conservation Commission*.

Respectfully submitted by the Sandown Conservation Commission,

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