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Session C - 2:15 - 3:30PM

1C

OPTIONAL POWERS

Amy Manzelli, BCM Environmental & Land Law

Learn why it is important to vote in optional powers for your conservation commission and how you can support a land conservation project if your commission does not have these optional powers. Conservation commissions who wish to have the ability to contribute to land conservation projects **without holding an interest in real estate**, and/or be able to expend funds on land outside of town boundaries must pass one or both of these warrant articles at town meeting. The program will wrap up with a Q&A session.

2C

THE NEW NATIONAL WETLANDS INVENTORY MAPS

Mary Ann Tilton, NHDES

Learn how to use the new National Wetlands Inventory Mapper to help your commission to provide a preliminary assessment of wetlands in your community. The National Wetlands Inventory Mapper have been used for watershed planning, environmental impact assessment reports, or transportation or utility /corridor planning. It integrates digital map data along with other resource information to produce current information on the status, extent, characteristics and functions of wetlands, and riparian habitats. This information is intended to promote the understanding and conservation of wetland resources through discovery and education as well as to aid in resource management, research and decision making.

3C

NATIVE BEES, POLLINATOR SUPERHEROS

Francie Von Mertens, Peterborough Conservation Commission

There's growing concern about the decline in insect pollinators on the local, state and federal levels. Often the focus is on agricultural crops and honey bees, however native bees got the job done long before honey bees were introduced by European settlers, and their pollinating role reaches far beyond agriculture. The workshop focuses on plants and their pollinators (great examples of mutualism in the natural world), reasons for the pollinator decline, and steps being taken to halt the decline.

4C

ABENAKI STEWARDSHIP; RECLAIMING THE FUTURE

Denise and Paul Pouliot, Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook and Abenaki People

The Abenaki have been the continued stewards or Care Takers of N'dakinna, our homelands now called New Hampshire for 13,000 years. This presentation will focus on contemporary issues revolving around Indigenous environmental activism, including community partnerships, research, education. Join the program to learn how your commission can be better stewards of Mother Earth.

5C

FRAMING CLIMATE CHANGE FOR COMMUNITY IMPACT

**Mei-Ling McNamara, Lecturer, English and Journalism
University of New Hampshire**

This presentation examines the challenges local communities in New Hampshire face with climate change, while finding methods and messaging that might help encourage greater impact. Drawing from twenty years as a print and visual journalist that include covering environmental stories, Dr. McNamara has focused her reporting on how communities work cohesively to interrogate problems and devise solutions. This panel presents ways that local chapters of the NHACC, the media, governmental bodies and the public can better coordinate efforts to grapple with some of the most challenging climate issues of our time. Part of the program will include a short presentation accompanying a 45-minute session of breakout groups with participants.

6C

ENVIROTHON: HOW TO SUPPORT A TEAM

Margie Clark-Kevan, NH Envirothon Program Coordinator

Join in to learn more about the NH Envirothon as well as to share some of your ideas and thoughts on this program. For those who are new to the NHE, it is a high school and middle school program that culminates with a state-wide competition. The winning HS team earns a spot at the North American level. Students work through the school year using the NHE learning objectives and training opportunities. Many schools work closely with their local conservation districts in order to learn and practice skills, as well as to solve their current issue problem. The NHE often sparks further student interest in conservation and natural resource careers. Come to learn and to share your ideas about the amazing NH Envirothon!

7C

THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET PROCESS:

A COST EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO SMART GROWTH FOR COMMUNITIES

Katherine Heck, New Hampshire Municipal Association

This session will introduce various aspects of the municipal budget process focusing on appropriations, gross-basis budgeting and separate warrant articles. Join us as we dive into the mechanics of building a budget for the conservation commission and review some of the financial tools and strategies that can be utilized to move policy priorities forward.

8C

Panel Discussion:

HOW TO MANAGE FOR INCREASED USE OF CONSERVATION LAND

Carrie Deegan, Forest Society

Yohann Hanley, Southeast Land Trust

Dave Mallard, LRCT

Learn how state and local land trusts deal with overuse issues on popular properties throughout the state in this panel discussion. State and local land trust staff will talk about their land management challenges with increased use and highlight some solutions. After the panelists provide an overview of their organizations and how they work to control misuse of conservation land, they will open up the discussion to participant questions and answers.