



New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions

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52nd Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions

November 5, 2022 | Pembroke, NH

Business Meeting for Members 8:30 – 9 AM

Nature: How it Sparks Joy and Passion 9 AM - 10 AM

Keynote Speakers: Susie Spikol and Jack Dalton

Meet two of the most inspiring people in conservation education and learn how they use their love of nature to encourage others to protect our natural environment. Join a conversation with Susie Spikol, and Jack Dalton, and find out what motivates them to teach others about nature and share their excitement for animals and the outdoors. Susie will open the conversation by explaining the critical link between children and nature and why it is so important to get children outside to experience nature.

Susie is a writer, naturalist, and educator at the Harris Center for Conservation Education, and author of *The Animal Adventurer's Guide*. Jack is known as the Kid Conservationist, an activist, author, public speaker, and educational YouTuber. Jack's mission is to help save orangutans through the power of education and inspiration. He is the author of *Kawan the Orangutan, Lost in the Forest*, and for every book bought a tree is planted in the rainforest.

Session A - 10:15AM - 11:30 AM

1A

FUNDAMENTALS of CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS

**Zachary Boyajian, Chichester Conservation Commission, NHACC Board
Larry Spencer, Holderness Conservation Commission, NHACC Board**

New to your conservation commission? Join us for this informative session on the fundamentals of conservation commissions. This session will give new commissioners the basics on conservation commissions, the laws governing what conservation commissions are established to do and some of their optional roles. We will cover the ins and outs of how to make sure your meetings are successful. Bring your questions! The *Handbook for NH Municipal Conservation Commissions* is complementary to the new commissioners who register and attend this session.

2A

HOW TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATIONS Sandy Crystall, Bow Conservation Commission, CSW

Sandy will provide information to assist conservation commissions in fulfilling their role in the revised wetlands permitting processes. Under RSA 482-A:11, III, Conservation Commissions have an advisory role in the review of state wetland permit applications. Your commission can file a letter of intervention to gain additional time for review of a permit application and preparation of a response to NHDES. Learn how your Commission's concerns and comments can contribute to NHDES' review of a wetland permit application.

3A

LOVE OUR FORESTS? PROTECT OUR PREDATORS Chris Schadler, Ecologist, Project Coyote

New Hampshire forests depend upon predators such as coyote, fox, fisher and bobcat to structure food webs and ecosystems. Populations of red and gray fox and fisher have declined by 55% in the last two decades, so how are forests affected by this loss? Learn about potential effects of removing specific predators on the overall guild of predators. Management of forests along with wildlife considerations at the local level must involve strategies for the protection of predators.

4A

CONNECT TO PROTECT: COASTAL CONSERVATION PLAN Amanda Stone, State Specialist, Natural Resources & Conservation, UNH

If you live in New Hampshire's coastal watershed, join us to learn about the 2021 New Hampshire Coastal Watershed Conservation Plan and how it can benefit your conservation commission work. Not sure if you are in the coastal watershed? Take a look at [the watershed map](#) to see if it includes your municipality. This regional conservation plan identifies Conservation Focus Areas and Priority Agricultural Resources in NH's coastal watershed, which includes 42 communities in New Hampshire and 10 communities in Maine. Learn how to access the plan's maps, ways the information can be used in your community, and opportunities for assistance to help move your land conservation planning and projects forward. The 2021 Coastal Conservation Plan is an update of the original 2006 and 2016 supplement.

5A

PREPARING FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE'S NEW CLIMATE NORMAL

**Dr. Mary Stampone, New Hampshire State Climatologist,
Associate Professor of Geography, UNH**

This program provides an overview of climate change in New Hampshire based on the 2021 Climate Assessment report and possible future impacts on the state's natural and built environment. Dr. Stampone will review the data from the report showing warming trends and extreme weather patterns.

6A

EVERYDAY WILD: HOW COMMON WILDLIFE CONNECTS US TO PLACE

**Susie Spikol, Naturalist, Writer and Educator,
Harris Center for Conservation Education**

There are wild animals all around us every moment of every day. Whether it's hearing the chickadees or holding a worm, these are the everyday creatures waiting to wake up our curiosity. Start with the small things in nature and discover how everyday wild experiences can ignite compassion and move us towards stewardship.

7A

USING TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS TO FUND LAND PRESERVATION

**Christopher G. Parker, AICP, Deputy City Manager:
and Jackson Kaspari, City of Dover NH**

The City of Dover implemented a Transfer of Development Right's program (TDR) more than 30 years ago. This session will review the program and how it has evolved over the years, and now includes land preservation and affordable housing opportunities for property owners, the City and community. Dover staff will review examples of utilization, review revenue generated and discuss how changes have been implemented and received by the Development community.

8A

CONTROLLING INVASIVE SPECIES: NEW STATE PROGRAM

Doug Cygan, NH Dept. of Agriculture Markets & Food

Learn how your commission can control invasive species in your community. This program will focus on Japanese knotweed and the statewide invasive species management program. The NH Department of Agriculture Markets & Food is creating a new statewide program to better track invasive species and inform communities about potential outbreaks in their area.