

## Candia Conservation Commission

We continue to be grateful to the community of Candia for supporting our work - protecting Candia's natural resources - our forests, fields, streams, wetlands, ponds and wildlife.

One of the responsibilities of the CCC is to manage our town forests. This includes overseeing timber harvests. This year forester Charlie Moreno did a timber harvest on the Flint Road Town Forest - 64 acres open to recreation, hiking, nature walks, bird watching and hunting. By doing a selective cutting of 15-18% of this property, the forest's health is increased. The town benefits by receiving money from the logging operation - in this case \$11,000. This cycles back into the Forest Management Fund to be used for additional forest management activities.



Keith Sangillo came before the CCC earlier this year to share his Eagle Scout Project - to clear, mark and map trails on three of the town forests: Hemlock Drive TF, Lewis TF on New Boston Road, and Deerfield Road TF. His completed project can be viewed on our website at [www.candiaconservationcommission.org](http://www.candiaconservationcommission.org). Maps can be directly downloaded from here. Additionally, at the entrance of each town forest you will find a QR code to scan and download the trail maps to your cellphone.



One of the chief responsibilities of the CCC is to assist the town with environmental issues. This year the CCC was able to work with the community, town officials, and environmental agencies in addressing several complaints of wetland disturbances.



This year 3 students were awarded The Lewis-Levesque Scholarship and were able to attend a week this past summer at Barry Conservation Camp in Berlin for free. They were Randy Bruno, Leela Michael, and returning camper Remy Alff. Each shared their camp experiences with the commission upon their return. The sale of our CCC calendars, which feature photographs taken in Candia and submitted by local residents, funds these scholarships. They can be purchased from The Smyth Library and Town Hall.

We had our annual booth at Candia's Old Home Day and enjoyed answering questions and providing information to the townsfolk that stopped by.

If you would like to volunteer for the CCC, we always welcome your participation. Perhaps you would like to lead a nature walk pointing out wildflowers or birds. Maybe you enjoy clearing and maintaining walking trails. Please contact us. We'd love to have you join us!



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