## BETHLEHEM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## Who is the BCC?

Established in 1970, we are a group of up to seven volunteer residents, and any number of alternates, appointed by the Select Board to ensure "the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and the protection of the watershed resources" of a municipality under RSA 36-A.



## What does the BCC do?

Meet Research Educate Comment Cooperate Conserve

- Assist residents with wetland permitting questions and provide comments about important natural resources to the Department of Environmental Services when wetland permits and alteration of terrain permits are submitted.
- Occasionally, conduct site visits in conjunction with the Planning Board and landowner/developer to ensure that wetlands will be protected.
- Manage the Bethlehem Town Forest through the implementation of the Town Forest Management Plan.

- Host the annual Roadside Clean-Up.
- Award funding to the Bethlehem Elementary School for conservation-based field trips.
- Work cooperatively with other town commissions and land trusts to help conserve Bethlehem's natural resources.
- As a member of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions, BCC members regularly attend workshops and receive technical assistance from this state-wide non-profit.

## How can you get involved?

We are always looking for interested residents to serve on our commission. If you have a passion for the environment, are interested in serving your community, and value the State RSA's, you might be a good fit. Come to an upcoming meeting!

**MEETINGS**: The BCC typically meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm. Agendas are posted in the Town Hall, Post Office, and through the Town Email Newsletter. Meetings are open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend. For more information or to confirm meeting dates and times please call the Selectmen's Office at 869-3351 extension 102.

**CONTACT**: For more information please contact the Conservation Commission Chair at BethlehemNHConservation@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.