



## Medfield Conservation Commission

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Dear Homeowner(s),

Welcome to Medfield!

Many residents move here to enjoy the Town's rural character and natural beauty. All of us take pride in protecting the natural resources that surround us. These include wetlands, streams, forests, agricultural fields and well over seventy miles of trail passages.

The Medfield Conservation Commission actively protects Medfield's natural resources through wetlands protection, land acquisition, educational outreach, and land management. We are a seven-member board, all of whom are volunteers from the community, appointed by the Selectboard, and serve a term of 3 years. Additionally, Medfield employs a Conservation Agent, trained in both scientific and legal aspects of environmental matters, who supports and assists the Commission with various projects that come before it. The Commission addresses regulatory and enforcement issues which are presented to them on a regular basis. The authority of this oversight is derived directly from the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Medfield Wetlands Bylaw. *The areas protected by the Wetlands Protection Act and the local by-law provide flood protection, and preserve and protect groundwater supplies, as well as wildlife habitat.* We are tasked with the long-term goal of sustaining the ecological health of Medfield.

Should you have any questions pertaining to any potential alterations on your property, please contact us in advance of any work. We are available for site visits and discussion. Any activities within 100 feet of a wetland complex or 200 feet of a perennial stream require a permit from the Conservation Commission. Examples include fences, sheds, additions, lawn alterations, recreation structures and tree removal.

Most, if not all towns in Massachusetts has a Conservation Commission. Upholding the Wetlands Protection Act and the local Bylaw is a consistent theme throughout the state. We encourage you to explore Medfield's extensive trail systems and other natural resources. Acting together, we are stewards of the land, while preserving our natural heritage.

On behalf of the Medfield Conservation Commission,

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