

Harpswell Conservation Commission
May 2017 thru April 2018

Mission Statement

The Harpswell Conservation Commission shall promote its primary goal to protect the Town's natural resources and open areas. The Commission will continue to work with existing Town committees, departments, and with other conservation bodies in these areas.

Goals / Objectives

- Update Harpswell's Open Space Plan to consider wetlands and marsh migration, sea level rise, and explore ways to treat development in Focus Areas.
- Protect Harpswell's wetlands, potable water and marine resources with education through publications, mailings, and website visibility.
- Promote local resilience to marshes and road infrastructure as they relate to changing weather.
 - Coordinate Coastal Communities Grant project
- Continue outreach to reduce the use of pesticides in Harpswell with programs, publications, mailings, and website visibility.
- Work with Town Planning Board on ordinance provisions that pertain to natural resources health.
- Communicate & coordinate on conservation issues on an ongoing basis with the community, town committees and organizations.
- Represent the Town in local and regional conservation activities.

Approved by the Conservation Commission: July 05, 2017

Approved by the Board of Selectmen August 17, 2017

Note: The Conservation Commission for the Town of Harpswell was established in 1970 by vote at its annual Town Meeting. The basic authority to establish a Conservation Commission is given to the municipality through Maine Statute -Title 30-A MRSA, Section 3261. The Mission Statement contains the Commission's statutory duties as listed in Statute.