Center Harbor Conservation Commission (CHCC)
Annual Report 2017-2018

Over the past several years, the Conservation Commission continued its efforts to preserve and protect the high quality land and water resources throughout the town.

Having achieved our primary goals pertaining to prime wetlands designation, water resources mapping and the development and passage of a comprehensive water resources zoning ordinance, the Commission continues to seek opportunities to participate in land conservation related projects.

During 2017 - 2018, our major endeavor was the completion of a conservation easement project with Squam Lakes Conservation Society (SLCS) to assign them the primary status as easement holder of the majority of Kimball Island, switching the roles as primary and secondary enforcers of the conservation easement granted by the Derr family in 1978. The monitoring and enforcement responsibilities have been legally transferred to SLCS and the Town will continue to hold an executory interest in the easement. In return, the Town donated monies to SLCS from their Conservation Fund to continue the stewardship and easement monitoring efforts on Kimball Island. The Conservation Commission, the members of the Derr family and SLCS are pleased to continue the protection of conservation values of a key property in the middle of Big Squam Lake.

At the end of 2018, Conservation Fund balance stands at $72,997.75. There were no deposits from Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) nor did the Conservation Commission make any disbursements in 2018.

In 2017-2018 CHCC welcomed two new Commissioners - George Gurney and Don Carey. Both bring additional depth, expertise and energy to the Commission. The CHCC continues to actively seek Center Harbor residents to volunteer for membership in the Town’s Conservation Commission – there remain openings for one additional (1) Commissioner and Two (2) alternates. Should you wish to learn more about the activities of the CHCC, please contact the Selectman’s Office or attend one of its meetings. Because of its' reduced membership, the CHCC continues to meet on an "as needed" basis. Meeting notices, Agendas and Minutes of its meetings are on-line at the Town’s web site.