

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The past year has been a busy one for the Conservation Commission. The principle reason for this is the increased citizen awareness of both the need to protect the environment and of the function of the commission. Because of this awareness, there has been an increase in both the numbers of Requests for Determinations of Applicability and in the number of reports of violations of the Wetland Protection Act. Consequently, there has been an accompanying increase in the number of site inspections carried out.

The commission has been very busy in monitoring the Silver Maple Farm Development. The commission has been working in conjunction with an environmental specialist to ensure that the wetlands around this development are protected. The completed development of this property is expected to be October 2005.

Membership on the Commission has been relatively stable in 2004.

Commission Members	Statistics for 2004	
Robert Bishop, Chairman	Determinations of Applicability	6
Thomas Baker, Vice-Chairman	Hearings for Notices of Intent	4
James Duffy	Certificates of Compliance	1
Katherine Garcia	Extension of Orders of Conditions	1
Edward Gero	Field Site Inspections	25
Christine Holmes	Enforcement Orders	4
William Thompson	Request for Determination of Applicability	6

Recording Secretary

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