

2008 Lincoln Conservation Commission Report

This year the LCC finalized a forest management plan for the town property known as the “Ripton Lot.” We were able to do this through a Vermont State Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation “Trees for Local Communities” grant. Brendan Weiner of Vermont Family Forests did the timber cruising, along with help from Tina Scharf. We are grateful to both the Department, and also to Vermont Family Forests for their help with this project.

Along the way we had a couple of walks on the land; the latest was this past spring. We have found a fair amount of bear sign on the property and not much damage from over-browsing by deer or moose. The forest there is in good condition.

We also checked the tree tubes on the Colby Hill Town property, which we put around red oak seedlings to protect them from deer browsing (of which there is an abundance on Colby Hill). We found that there was a good deal of seedling mortality, perhaps because of the tubes themselves, and so did not replace the tubes that had fallen down. We are still wondering what to do about the seedlings, perhaps netting would be a better alternative.

We still have some funds for projects (for instance, for netting for the oak seedlings), but unfortunately at this time do not have the personnel. The LCC is down to two members, and because of this we are presently inactive. We are still available to the Selectboard, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Adjustment for consultation when desired.

If you or someone you know would be interested in joining the Lincoln Conservation Commission, please be in touch with Tina Scharf or Jackie Tuxill.

Respectfully submitted,
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