

2013 Lincoln Conservation Commission Town Report

2013 was another quiet year for the Lincoln Conservation Commission. We continue to try to change the culture of bird feeding by reminding people to take down their feeders on April 1 so as not to feed the bears as well. We also encourage people to control invasive plants, especially poison parsnip. Poison parsnip, giant hogweed, and chervil all can be dug up, pulled up, or cut before flowering. You have to stick with it for a few years until the seeds in the ground have rotted. This takes about five years for the parsnip. Other plants to watch out for are bishop's weed (goutweed), Japanese knotweed (which is obviously well established by the river but can be controlled if caught early), and honeysuckle. Please feel free to ask the commissioners questions about invasive plant control.

The state is offering courses in invasive plant control this year, and people are welcome to participate. Please let us know if it interests you. In the meantime, either watch your own property or adopt a section of road to patrol for the summer. Chervil blossoms in June, parsnip in July.

Katie Manaras attended an informational meeting with the USFS in regards to some logging they wish to do on Bristol Notch. Our concern is conservation of a very rare plant, Eastern Jacob's ladder, which is only found in Vermont in Lincoln! Thanks to Katie, and we wish her well as she is leaving the LCC to care for her two children. Andrew Jones has also had to bow out due to a very full schedule. We hope you both return someday!

Part of the LCC's mission is to simply be available when issues come up in the town. We are lucky not to have the development pressure of places like Hinesburg, but we still think it important to be ready to respond to any threats to our abundant and beautiful natural resources.

The LCC currently has \$504 in its coffers.

Respectfully submitted,

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