

Town of Lincoln Conservation Commission 2020 Report

This year the Commission was relatively quiet, like so many activities that were curtailed due to the virus.

That said, we still managed to remove two invasive species—poison parsnip and wild chervil—from Lincoln’s roadsides. We now have more than twenty volunteers who have adopted road sections. The problem with these two invasives (besides them being invasive and crowding out native species) is that they flower and seed at different times. Wild chervil flowers in late May/early June while parsnip flowers in early to mid-July. So we’ve had a problem all along with choosing a single date when everyone could convene to pick both. Road adopters can watch their respective roadsides all summer long, which is a huge help. We’ve also found that there is late-blooming parsnip that will bloom into August. So a huge THANK YOU to those folks who are out there watching their roads. We have covered about one half of the Lincoln “58.” If anyone else is inclined to volunteer, you would be most welcome!

We’d also like to thank the landowners who are mowing parts of their property where parsnip has escaped into fields. Thanks too to Alan Borys, who mowed some of these parcels for the Commission.

We did have a single group picking day. We served sandwiches, drinks and cookies to all the participants to eat in socially-distanced groups. Food was provided by the ever wonderful Vaneasa and her crew at the Lincoln Store. Thank you so much! Part of the fun of that day is gathering for a meal. Perhaps by next June we’ll be able to gather for lunch again.

We hope to initiate some other activities in 2021. Stay tuned. And thanks to all in the Town who are so supportive of our work.

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