

Committee that works with the Town of Concord to coordinate emergency preparedness efforts.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Concord's long-time Sealer of Weights and Measures, Raymond Costa, left his part-time position with the Town in 2011. In 2012, after considering the best options to fulfill the requirements of this position, the Town decided to contract with the Massachusetts Division of Standards (DOS) for the interim to provide weights and measures inspections to ensure the Town met the minimum requirements of all pertinent state laws.

The function of Weights and Measures is to safeguard the public in matters involving the commercial determination of "quantity" and ensure that whenever merchandise or service is bought or sold, that honest weights and honest measures are delivered, and that fraud, carelessness or misrepresentation of such transactions are eliminated. To facilitate this endeavor, the accuracy of all weighing and measuring devices used for sale to the public are inspected, sealed or condemned as required. Examples of weighing and measuring devices inspected include, but are not limited to, all gasoline and diesel dispensing devices (pumps), home heating oil (fuel oil) delivery trucks, weighing devices (scales) and bar code pricing devices (scanners) used in supermarkets, delis, meat/seafood markets, pharmacies, and farm stands.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION



From left: George Lewis, Dean Banfield, Elissa Brown, Jeff Adams, Stephen Verrill, Chair

The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and staff are responsible for the overall stewardship of the natural resources of the Town, and the establishment

of Town environmental policy in conjunction with the Selectmen and Town Meeting. The NRC administers the State Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40), Rivers Protection Act (MGL Chapter 258 of the Acts of 1996) and accompanying regulations (310 CMR 10.00), and the Concord Wetlands Bylaw and Regulations. The NRC plays an important role in open space planning pursuant to its authority under the Conservation Commission Act (MGL Chapter 40 Section 8c).

Wetlands Protection Act

The majority of Commission and staff time relates to administering and enforcing wetland regulations. The NRC held 23 hearings to review permit applications, which included 43 Notices of Intent, 2 Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation, and 16 Requests for Determination of Applicability, for a total of 61 new applications. The NRC received seven requests to Amend an Order of Conditions, and two Requests to Extend an Order of Conditions. The NRC closed out many completed projects, issuing 36 Certificates of Compliance. Division staff reviewed 49 Administrative Approvals for very minor projects including limited tree and invasive species removal. The NRC issued one Emergency Certification for a septic system failure. The NRC began working with three property owners to resolve new violations for unauthorized tree removal, a failed septic system, and a platform. The outstanding violation for industrial composting activities in wetlands identified in 2008, and two remaining violations identified in 2010, were resolved this year. No new appeals were filed in 2012.

Projects of interest reviewed by the NRC this year include a mixed use redevelopment project at 50 Beharrell St. to demolish the existing commercial/industrial buildings and construct a new three-story building to accommodate light industrial, commercial, and residential uses; a proposal to replace and clean out culverts in a sensitive wetland ecosystem at Moore's Pond in Sleepy Hollow Cemetery; a proposal to demolish an existing filling station and construct a new bank at 1112 Main St.; and a proposal from Eagle Scout Danny Horvath to replace the boardwalk at Old Calf Pasture.