

Brookline Conservation Commission:
Policy, Use, and Restriction Guidelines

Brookline, NH
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The Brookline Conservation Commission, formally adopted at the March 1967 Town Meeting, manages town land purchased through the Land Use Acquisition Fund. This management is per regulations as stated in the State of New Hampshire's Title III Chapter 36-A:

36-A:2 Conservation Commission. – A city or town which accepts the provisions of this chapter may establish a conservation commission, hereinafter called the commission, for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources of said city or town. Such commission shall conduct researches into its local land and water areas and shall seek to coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes, and may advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets which in its judgment it deems necessary for its work. It shall keep an index of all open space and natural, aesthetic or ecological areas within the city or town, as the case may be, with the plan of obtaining information pertinent to proper utilization of such areas, including lands owned by the state or lands owned by a town or city. It shall keep an index of all marshlands, swamps and all other wetlands in a like manner, and may recommend to the city council or selectmen or to the department of resources and economic development a program for the protection, development or better utilization of all such areas. It shall keep accurate records of its meetings and actions and shall file an annual report which shall be printed in the annual town or municipal report. The commission may appoint such clerks and other employees or subcommittees as it may from time to time require. Source. 1963, 168:1. 1973, 550:1, eff. Sept. 3, 1973.

Board Members

Frances (Buddy) Dougherty- Board Member since 2003, Chair
Jay Chrystal- Board Member since 2003, Vice-Chair
Jordan Bailey- Board Member since 2012
Tom Rogers- Board Member since 2014
Brendan Denehy- Selectboard Representative 2013 and 2015-present
Eric DiVirgilio- Alternate since 2006
Drew Kellner- Alternate since 2015

Beaver Dam Policy (adopted September 2012)

The Conservation Commission will allow people to present a case if the water affects health, is flooding a basement, encroaches a septic, leach field, or well, encroaches a driveway, or affects any engineered drainage (storm drain, culverts, swales, or retention ponds). The beaver dam must be on property controlled by the Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission would then decide if action needs to be taken or not. Under no circumstances will the Conservation Commission rebuild or replace a dam.

Parcel Access (Parking, ROW, easements)

Parcels of note:

- Bartell Lot B-34- As deeded to the BCC upon purchase in 2013, access via Milford to Ball Hill Rd. -
- Brookline Rail Trail easements Lot D-46- Access to rail trail per easement dated 12/24/13.
- Potanipo Rail Trail and adjacent Lots K-62, K-62-1, and H-102- Non-motorized access via adjacent Beaver Brook Association rail trail easement

Camp Flannery Policy

This property at 16 Cleveland Hill Rd., Lot G-6, purchased in 2013, has land and facilities available for use with the following restrictions:

- Immediate cabin area closed dusk to dawn

Recreational Uses- Basic Guidelines and Permitted/Restricted Uses

Trail Condition Guidelines

Trail Conditions- Although the BCC does not have an official closed season, users are asked to use best judgment during wet trail conditions to ensure trail preservation. Any user group is required to follow their affiliate group's open/closed season for trail use. The BCC reserves the right to close trails at any time if conditions are unsafe for users, or if conditions will result in trail degradation.

Permitted Uses (unless otherwise addressed below in 'Restricted Uses')

Hunting/Fishing/Trapping- Allowed per state regulations

Snowmobile- Allowed per state regulations

Equestrian

Non-motorized biking

Low/No Impact- Foot/Snowshoe/XC ski

Restricted Uses

- All BCC parcels prohibit target shooting (firearm and archery) due to safety concerns. Those abutting BCC lands are also asked to conduct their target shooting in a manner ensuring BCC land user safety.
- All BCC parcels prohibit use of motorized wheeled vehicles due to trail maintenance concerns.
- Palmer Wildlife Preserve, Lot B-65-11- As deeded to the BCC upon purchase in 1986, there is no hunting/trapping permitted.
- Talbot Taylor Wildlife Preserve Lot G-28- Owned by Matt Sawyer, no hunting/trapping permitted.
- Alcohol is prohibited
- No tree cutting or vegetation harvesting
- All town ordinances convey to BCC-managed lands
- Dog waste is to be removed from trails
- Leave No Trace- carry out all trash carried in