

## **DIVISION 5. CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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#### **Sec. 2-75. Establishment.**

There is hereby established a conservation commission consisting of seven (7) members serving without pay to be appointed by the town council pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3261. The term of office is three (3) years.

(Code 1966, Ch. 201, § 13, § 101; Ord. of 4-28-2003; Amd. of 12-13-2010)

#### **Sec. 2-76. Duties.**

- (a) The conservation commission shall conduct research and give advice as to the protection, development and use of the natural resources located within the territorial limits of the town. It shall seek to coordinate its activities with existing municipal agencies, commissions, departments, and conservation 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 and with the approval of the town council. It shall prepare and keep an index of all open areas, publicly or privately owned within the town including but not limited to open marsh lands, swamps, and other wetlands for the purpose of assimilating and retaining information pertinent to the proper utilization, protection and potential development or use of such open areas. The conservation commission may recommend to the town council or any municipal body or board or any body, private, politic or public, a program for the better utilization, protection, development or use of such areas. It shall keep records of its meetings and activities and shall make an annual report to the town to be published as part of the annual town report, and may employ such personnel as may be approved by the town manager.
- (b) The conservation commission with the approval of the town council may acquire land or interest therein in the name of the town for any purposes set forth in 30-A M.R.S.A. § 3261 and accept gifts of land, money or easements for conservation or park purposes.
- (c) The conservation commission at least thirty (30) days prior to making any recommendations pursuant to this section to the town council shall submit such recommendations to the town planning board.
- (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to conflict with or usurp any duties, powers, or functions of the parks and community programs department nor the powers and duties heretofore conferred upon the town tree warden.