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Session B - 11:30 AM- 12:30 PM

1B

FUNDAMENTALS: WORKING COLLABORATIVELY IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Jennifer Beck, Wilton CC, NHACC Board; and Jay Diener, Hampton CC, NHACC Board

Conservation commissions are more successful when they have good working relationships with other town boards and voters. This session provides advice and examples to help you establish and strengthen your role as valued advisors. Learn best practices and simple tips from other participants. See how you can establish connections and use communication to build new understanding of your role in protecting natural resources.

2B

CASE STUDIES IN WETLAND ZONING

Marc Jacobs, Certified Wetland Scientist

Learn how your commission can better protect wetlands with local regulations. The presenter will review wetland zoning from several towns to identify strengths and weaknesses. Bring a copy of your town's wetland zoning and review the language to see if it helps protect your water resources or if it promotes poor outcomes or less than ethical behavior.

3B

TRAILS FOR PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE

Rachel Stevens, NH Fish & Game

This session will focus on a mapping tool to help locate wildlife. Funded by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the NH Fish & Game Department has developed a statewide tool that can be used to locate new trails in a way that minimizes impacts to wildlife and also minimizes the need for ongoing maintenance. Additionally, it can be used to assess existing trails for potential impact on wildlife and to identify locations for on-the-ground best management practices that minimize trail maintenance. This program will highlight real world case studies where the tool has been implemented.

4B

CONSERVING THE NH MAHOOSUCS

Katherine Stuart, Mahoosuc Land Trust Board and Shelburne CC
Larry Ely, Mahoosuc Land Trust Board and Shelburne CC

Shelburne is a small town (370 residents) north of the notches that has been successful conserving land. From the shores of the Androscoggin River to the mountaintops, we're collaborating with The Conservation Fund, the Mahoosuc Land Trust, and Society for the Protection of NH Forests. Our success has been due to developing good relationships, working with excellent partners, finding willing sellers, and leveraging grant opportunities. We will present two projects that showcase working with partners and how we have added over 4,600 conserved acres to the Town of Shelburne.

5B

HEALTH IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Robert Dewey, MD; Deborah Gerson, MD; and Cynthia Nichols, MS, BSN, RN

Climate change is having a real and increasing impact on human health. Two physicians representing the New Hampshire Healthcare Workers for Climate Action, a grassroots, non-partisan coalition of healthcare workers, will discuss the basics of climate science and how climate change impacts health (including extreme heat, air pollution, vector borne diseases, and extreme weather events, among others). Adaptations to protect ourselves from these impacts, climate solutions, and suggested actions will also be discussed.

6B

INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL

Wendy Scribner UNH Extension

Landowners are increasingly facing the challenge of controlling non-native invasive species on properties throughout the state. These species are often able to outcompete our native species and can reduce native biodiversity, influencing forest health and regeneration, wildlife habitats, and recreational activities. In this session, we'll talk about some of the characteristics of these plants, control measures, and ways to strategically focus your time and effort for the most impact on your project, property, or community.