



TOWN OF SALEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Conservation Commission

MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Council

CC: Joseph R. Devine, Interim Town Manager
Crayton Brubaker, Community Development Program Manager

FROM: Georgia Brust, Conservation Commission Chair

RE: Conservation Commission 3 SMART Goals

DATE: April 22, 2024

Background:

Valentine Park Improvements has been an ongoing project since 2020. Now that a permit has been obtained from DES, due to the Shoreland Protection Act, we are just awaiting the DPW's schedule to complete the parking lot / guardrail installation in order to move forward with the rest of the project.

Town Forest Pollinator Plantings is a joint effort with the Salem Friendship & Garden Club - the commission's goal is to install more pollinator friendly plants around town during the 2024 season.

Conservation Commission SMART Goals 2024

1. Complete Valentine Park Improvements; Due November 30, 2024
 - a. Started: June 2021 – started as an independent capstone project for commission member Georgia Brust.
 - i. Recreate the parking area, create a natural meadow for pollinators where the existing parking lot/lawn is, install picnic tables, establish landscape bed along roadside, and remove invasive vegetation near back tree line.
 1. Landscape bed along roadside has been completed by the donation of Belko Landscaping
 2. Handicap accessible table donated by the Knights of Columbus
 3. Invasives - glossy buckthorn, cutting back have begun as well as “buckthorn baggies” have been applied where needed.
2. Town Forest Pollinator Plantings & Improvements in partnership with the Salem Friendship & Garden Club; Due December 31, 2024
 - a. Clean up parking lot kiosk area.
 - i. Placing timbers to help delineate wood line from parking lot.
 - ii. Create naturalized pollinator planting.
 - iii. Cut back invasives.
 - b. Create naturalized pollinator planting within the inner Town Forest kiosk.
3. Update Town Wetland Ordinance; Due March 31, 2025
 - a. AdHoc committee has been formed. The first meeting is April 30th at 2pm.