



## What To Do If You Suspect a Possible Conservation Violation

Weare Conservation Commission

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In the event that you are concerned that a possible conservation violation has occurred on a Weare conservation parcel, there are several available options:

1. Contact the land owner and express your concern in a non-confrontational manner. The landowner may not realize there may be a problem and a friendly conversation can avoid or resolve a misunderstanding.
2. Contact the appropriate enforcement authority. The responsible authority will depend on the type of suspected violation. In some cases, it may be the town code enforcement officer, while in other cases state agencies such as the NH Dept. of Environmental Services (NHDES) or NH Fish and Game Dept. In the case of reporting a possible violation to the State, we recommend accessing NHDES's Public Information Center website on How to Report a Potential Violation at: [http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/report\\_complaint.htm](http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/report_complaint.htm).
3. Contact the Weare Conservation Commission at [conservation@weare.nh.gov](mailto:conservation@weare.nh.gov). The Commission welcomes questions regarding conflict resolution of conservation issues and/or the steps involved in filing a complaint with the State. Providing information about best management practices can avoid problems that might result in an administrative order from the State to cease and desist, possible fines, or other legal action. Please keep in mind that the Weare Conservation Commission does not have legal enforcement authority but can offer possible course(s) of action and, hopefully, resolution. The Commission's intent is to resolve issues before they rise to the level of a violation requiring enforcement or legal intervention.

### **Issue, Concern, Violation Responsible Agent or Agency Phone #**

Construction in a wetland without a permit	Weare Code Enforcement Officer 529-7586
Improper fill and disturbance	Weare Code Enforcement Officer 529-7586
Unpermitted burning	Weare Fire Department 529-2352
Air pollution (dust, fumes, particulates)	NHDES Air Resources Division 271-1370
Surface water quality (ponds, rivers, and streams)	NHDES Watershed Mgmt Bureau 271-2304
Animal abuse/neglect or human threat (e.g. rabies)	Weare Animal Control Officer 529-7755

Health and Safety Issues	Weare Health Officer 529-2572
Wetland disturbance	NHDES Wetlands Bureau 271-2147
Shoreland protection	NHDES Wetlands Bureau 271-2147
Malfunctioning septic system	NHDES Subsurface Systems Bureau 271-3501
Forestry practices	NHDRED Division of Forests and Lands 271-2217
Wildlife poaching	NH Fish & Game Dept. 271-2461
Off road vehicle complaint	NH Fish & Game Dept. 271-3129
Spill or unauthorized disposal of oil, waste, or hazardous material	NHDES Waste Management Spill Response 271-3899