

and knowledge of our 43 cemeteries. Thanks to all.

We hope to have all Weare Cemetery Deeds recorded and scanned in 2013.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Weare Cemetery Trustees
Janet Brown, Chair
William Tiffany, Secretary
Rob Gordon, Trustee*

Conservation Commission

In 2012 the Conservation Commission remained busy with town forest and other conservation land maintenance issues, and overseeing the design and contractor selection process for a significant conservation construction project at the Ferrin Pond trailhead. We also continue to work with landowners interested in conserving open lands and working forests. As town forest management continues to be a priority and has grown to be a very significant portion of our work, we feel a report directly from our contract Town Forester is in order:

Weare Town Forest Update

Over the past 5 years the Town has completed a substantial amount of forest management. Prior to 2012 the bulk of the management work involved long-term planning and boundary maintenance. First and foremost, Town Forests have been comprehensively field reviewed and studied for long-term forestry management. A multiple-year review of the near 2,100 acres evaluated the land's numerous resources and values including: forest products, wildlife ecology, water resources and recreational management. Since 2008, 6 Town Forests have had 10-year Forest Management Plans prepared. Along with this stewardship planning all of the boundaries have been blazed, signed and

painted yellow. The current total maintained distance of Town Forest boundary is over 30 miles!

Maintenance of the Town Forest management objectives involves timber harvesting. Timber harvests help to maintain healthy and productive forest ecology, while providing social and economic benefits. Thus far 3 harvests, involving 225+/- acres have been implemented on the Felch Farm Forest and the Eastman Conservation Forest. Collectively they have earned the town nearly \$100,000.

The Town Forests are working lands that yield multiple uses. I encourage you, both young and old to explore this natural world and discover how vastly valuable they are.

Long Live The Forest,
Jeremy G. Turner
Weare Town Forester
NH Licensed Forester #318

Other significant 2012 conservation endeavors include the following:

- Completion of the Purrington Farm Conservation Easement purchase by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, with a contribution from the town's Conservation Fund,
- Hiring a contractor and starting component construction for the stream crossing to access the entrance to Ferrin Pond. This Conservation funded project is slated for completion in 2013,
- Initiating a major enhancement of our website (to be completed in 2013), a volunteer effort (thanks Wendy!) which will complete and further paid work started several years ago, and

- Continuing our relationship with Weare boy scouts, we have another conservation-themed Eagle Scout project well underway. This one involves numerous projects to enhance the Ferrin Pond trail experience.

Our membership stands at five full voting members as Wendy Stevens has upgraded from an alternate to a full member of the commission. We welcome her commitment, energy, and concerns. We have room for two full members as well as alternates. It has been several years since we have enjoyed full membership. We benefit greatly from your support and look forward to a great 2013.

*Respectfully submitted,
 Andrew Fulton, Chair
 Steve Najjar, Vice Chair
 Michael Dahlberg, Secretary
 George Malette
 Wendy Stevens*

Fire Department Report

The mission of the Weare Fire Rescue Department is to protect life, property and the environment within our community. Our citizen responders are prepared to deliver the highest quality service in response to fire, medical and other emergencies. We will execute our duty in a respectful and professional manner with all the courage, honor and integrity that is the underpinning of our vocation.

The Weare Fire Rescue Department consists of approximately 40 members, who serve their community with considerable pride providing both fire and medical services to the town's residents and visitors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

2012 was a very busy year in both responses and training. In 2012, the Department responded to more calls for service than in any previous year. With nearly 2 calls per day, the number of overlapping calls, where we respond to multiple calls at the same time, is

Incident Type	2010	2011	2012
Fires in Structures	11	9	20
Other Fires	23	12	29
Rescue/EMS	394	406	442
False Alarms	43	37	47
Mutual Aid Given	38	34	47
Haz Mat Response	11	16	3
Other Hazardous Response	32	32	31
All Other Responses	47	47	75
Total For All Incidents	599	593	694
Overlapping Incidents as a Percent Total Incidents	12%	9%	10%

With the addition of new personnel and to improve training of existing members, Fire now has the capability to provide the necessary training that is recognized by the State of NH in both firefighting and emergency medical skills. Members train every Tuesday evening from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Training is essential to maintain skill proficiency allowing us to perform our duties in a safe and efficient manner.

Several members completed the required training and testing to receive nationally recognized certification in various topics. Each endeavor necessitates a large commitment of time from the individual candidate.

- Firefighter I, which represents 212 hours of education, was