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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

OCTOBER 4, 2011

**TOWN ROOM, TOWN HALL
7:00 PM**

The Amherst Conservation Commission is currently drafting a Land Management Plan for Amherst Conservation Land. The Land Management Plan will address a variety of topics related to the use and management of Amherst Conservation land, including agricultural activities, recreation, commercial activities, hunting, camping, and many others. The next land management topic to be addressed by the Commission relates to dogs on Conservation land. According to current Conservation Area Rules & Regulations, dogs are permitted to be off-leash at the Mill River and Amethyst Brook Conservation areas, and are restricted from certain areas of Puffer's Pond at certain times of day.

Over the past year, the Conservation Department and Commission have received a significant amount of correspondence from the public regarding incidents that have occurred with off-leash dogs. As part of the development of the Conservation Land Management Plan, the Commission will consider potential revisions to current regulations that pertain to dogs. The Commission seeks the input from the public on this issue at a special meeting scheduled for October 4, 2011.