

Account #	Account Title	2022 Requested	2021 Approved	2022 vs 2021 \$	2022 vs 2021 %	2020 Approved	2019 Approved	2018 Approved
<b>CONSERVATION</b>								
4611	112 Conservation - Minute Taker	465	465	0	0.0%	930	930	930
4611	240 Conservation - Training	420	420	0	0.0%	420	302	302
4611	560 Conservation - Dues/Memberships	345	345	0	0.0%	345	353	353
4611	620 Conservation - Office Supplies	50	50	0	0.0%	70	70	70
4611	949 Conservation-Expend Conservation Fund	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	
4611	951 Conservation - Public Awareness	235	235	0	0.0%	335	335	335
4611	952 Conservation - Lake Monitor	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	1,400	1,400	800
<b>Conservation Budget Total</b>		<b>2,515</b>	<b>2,515</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>3,390</b>	<b>2,790</b>

# Conservation Commission

## Budget Request 2022

**4611-112 Wages** – This budget pays for the minute taker wages. Rate of pay is \$17 per hour. Also included in this budget is the employer portion of social security/medicare tax. **Budget Requested \$465**

**4611-240 Training** – This budget pays for meeting, seminars and training of conservation commission members.  
**Budget Requested \$420**

**4611-560 Dues/Memberships** – This budget dues into the NH Association of Conservation. **Budget Requested \$345**

**4611-620 Office Supplies** – This budget pays for paper and materials needed for administration of conservation activities.  
**Budget Requested \$50**

**4611-951 Public Awareness** – Pays for advertising, signs and information dissemination of the conservation effort.  
**Budget Requested \$235**

**4611-952 Lake Monitoring** – This budget reimburses costs and expenses of water body monitoring.. **Budget Requested \$1,000**

**Total Requested.....\$2,515**

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## **Henniker Conservation Commission Narrative**

### **2021 Highlights**

Work began on Keyser and French Pond Phosphorus Mitigation Project. This project was approved by NH DES to use funds from NH Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan forgiveness program. A loan application on behalf of the town was submitted at the end of June. The consulting firm contract award was approved based on the response to an RFQ from Gomez & Sullivan Engineering. Water sampling began in early April just after the ice was melted on Keyser Pond and French Pond.

#### **Cyanobacteria Blooms**

Cyanobacteria Blooms occurred on three ponds in Henniker; French Pond, Pleasant Pond, and Long Pond. Prolonged public health advisories were posted for French Pond and Pleasant Pond. The Cyanobacteria levels on Long Pond did not threshold that would trigger a public health advisory. Keyser Pond experienced only minimal activity.

#### **Conservation Easements on town own land**

Annual monitoring was completed by the Fiver Rivers Conservation Trust on two conservation easements on town-owned land, the Watman Conservation Area and the Chase Brook Conservation Area. These are periodically monitored to ensure that the conditions laid in the deeds were being met.

#### **Forest Management Plans for Conservation Easements**

Work began on developing forest management plans for town-owned conservation easements. As a result of the work, the commission is developing a plan for a small amount of logging to improve the health of the forest, improve wildlife habitat, and improve recreation use in the Watman Conservation Area.

### **FY22 Goals and Initiatives**

Continue work on:

1. Keyser Pond and French Pond Phosphorus Mitigation Project.
2. Continue water quality monitoring on Henniker ponds.
3. Complete Forest Management Plans for town-owned conservation easements.
4. Begin the process of planning for updating the Henniker Natural Resource Inventory.