

CHAPTER 19

The Town of Merrimack ordains...

Chapter 19, CONSERVATION COMMISSION

[Article 23, 5-15-1981 by the Annual Town Meeting; Amended by the Merrimack Town Council 11-5-2009; 1-26-2012; 11-16-2017]

ARTICLE II, Conservation Fund

A Conservation Fund as authorized by RSA 36-A:5 is hereby established, to be administered by the Merrimack Conservation Commission subject to the approval of the Town Council, for the purpose of promoting the better utilization of our natural resources. The whole or any part of unexpended Conservation Commission budget appropriations shall be allowed to accumulate in the Conservation Fund from year to year and to be expended for those purposes set forth by statute.

Pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 (II), this article creates a ceiling for the Conservation Fund of \$1,000,000. Upon reaching the \$1,000,000 balance, all current use funds collected thereafter will be deposited into the General Fund. If the Conservation Fund falls below \$1,000,000, 50% of all future current use revenues will be deposited into the Conservation Fund and 50% deposited into the General Fund until the Conservation Fund is replenished to a balance of \$1,000,000. (Amended by Article 5 of the 2011 Annual Town Meeting)

(Article 22, voted in the affirmative 5-15-1981 by the Annual Town Meeting; Amended by Article 20 of the 4-9-2002 Annual Town Meeting and Article 8 of the 2007 Annual Town Meeting; Amended by the Merrimack Town Council November 5, 2009; January 26, 2012)

ARTICLE III, Silviculture

The Conservation Commission is hereby authorized to perform silviculture (selective cutting and trimming of cordwood or timber) on Town-owned lands under the Commission's management, as may be designated by the Town Council, and under the direction of the N.H. State Division of Forests and Lands; and any proceeds therefrom shall be placed in the Conservation Fund.

Authenticated:

Nancy M. Harrington, Town Council Chair

Date

Diane Trippett, Town Clerk / Tax Collector

Date