

## Why Become A Member of MEACC ?

With roll backs of federal environmental regulations and grant funding, conservation and environmental protection become more crucial at the local level. Conservation commissions play a key role in ensuring clean water and land for the future and as stewards of past accomplishments.

Good conservation commissions do at least 3 things in their community:

- **Educate:** Make citizens and policymakers aware of environmental issues in their community.
- **Advocate:** Urge adoption of policies and practices that reflect the needs of the community.
- **Activate:** Do things that actively enhance the quality of their community's environment.

A primary goal of the Maine Association of Conservation Commissions (MEACC) is to build the capacity of existing conservation commissions to work effectively in their communities. MEACC acts on this goal by providing the following to its members:

- **A periodic newsletter** (which for members is emailed at least quarterly) with environmental news that often includes conservation commissions in the news as well as information/notifications about relevant grants and their application deadlines. We will be adding articles featuring a profile of what a particular conservation commission has done and is working on for projects.
- **An annual spring conference** that offers expert presentations on topics of interest plus a useful, popular share time when conservation commission attendees discuss current and future projects and concerns followed by an opportunity to network.
- **A phone consultation service** that responds to questions concerning conservation commission effectiveness, and projects.  
**A project data base share service.** We are gathering info from conservation commissions concerning projects they've done and what they're working on now. We will share that information with members. Connecting with other conservation commissions that are working on a similar project can be very helpful.

**To become a member of MEACC please complete and return a membership form with annual dues. A membership form with dues schedule is included under the membership tab of this website.**

**In order to continue and improve on these and other services we need your financial support. We depend entirely on membership dues to maintain our work to support you. We hope you will support us. Thank you.**