

WARNING
For Annual Meeting
March 4, 2003

ARTICLE 9: Will the Town vote to create a Conservation Commission pursuant to chapter [118 of Title 24](#) of the Vermont General Statutes and be subject to the following directives:

Without limiting the powers and duties granted to the Commission by statute:

The Waitsfield Conservation Commission shall work closely with the Mad River Valley Planning District, the Mad River Watershed Conservation Partnership, and the Vermont Land Trust and other organizations with land conservation goals and objectives consistent with those of the Conservation Commission and the Waitsfield Town Plan; and

The Conservation Commission shall have five members, with two-year terms, appointed by the Selectboard. In appointing members, the Selectboard shall work to include individuals with experience in areas such as forestry, real estate, agriculture, planning and land conservation, and others with a strong working knowledge of Waitsfield's land and history; and

In making recommendations on land conservation projects, the Conservation Commission will be guided first by the goals and objectives in the Waitsfield Town Plan. The Conservation Commission will also use the Mad River Valley Rural Resource Protection Plan and analytical models where appropriate; and

The Waitsfield Conservation Commission shall be assigned responsibility for stewarding land owned by the Town for conservation or preservation purposes and overseeing conservation easements that have been granted to the Town. The initial list of properties to be managed by the Conservation Commission shall be voted by the Selectboard after a duly warned public meeting.