



NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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A message from the Wellesley Natural Resources Commission.

The Wellesley Natural Resources Commission is deeply saddened to learn of the death of Toby Stover, a valued member of the town Wetlands Protection Committee.

Through his work with the EPA's Impaired Waterways Division and his expertise in stream biology, Toby brought an irreplaceable depth of scientific knowledge to the committee, which is responsible for permitting projects within sensitive wetland areas. He was unfailingly attentive and creative in his approach to even the most complex projects.

"Toby Stover was a quiet but confident professional both in his career and service to the town. He was a gentle and thoughtful person who was dedicated to protecting our natural resources and a true advocate for our earth and its inhabitants. Toby will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and worked with him," said Brandon Schmitt, Director of the Wellesley Natural Resources Commission.

Toby was appointed to the Wetlands Protection Committee in 2017. His death is a great loss to our community, his fellow volunteers, and the natural environment he was so committed to protecting. The Natural Resources Commissioners and all of us who worked in town government with Toby extend our deepest condolences to his wife, Jane, and his family and friends.

We are grateful for his legacy of environmental stewardship and are committed to carrying on his ethic.

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