



TOWN OF HINGHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Code of Conduct for Hunters using Conservation Lands

The Conservation Commission has concerns regarding the personal conduct of those granted permission to use conservation lands in Hingham for bow hunting. By establishing this Code of Conduct, the Commission intends to discourage and reduce incidents of aggressive or inappropriate behavior which reflects poorly on the hunting community and is not in the best interest of the future of the Commission's hunting program. Those individuals who participate in the program and value the opportunity to hunt on land under the control of the Commission are responsible for acting in a manner that promotes hunting and reflects responsible and respectful use of conservation lands.

Therefore, to ensure the long term success of the program, the Commission requires all hunters to comply with following:

1. **Abide by all rules and regulations adopted by the Commission pertaining to hunting and use of conservation lands.**
2. **Respect the space and property of others.** Maintain a sufficient distance between other hunters and their blinds or tree stands, unless traveling through an area or tracking a wounded animal. Do not enter private property without the owner's express permission. Do not use another hunter's equipment without their express permission.
3. **Do not verbally or physically threaten others, or direct profane or abusive language toward others.** Conservation land is public land for all to enjoy without fear of being subjected to threatening or abusive language or behavior.
4. **Do not use aggressive methods to attempt to gain exclusive use of an area of unreasonable size.** Do not make excessive noise or place blinds or tree stands over a large area simply to keep other hunters away.
5. **Take ethical shots.** As a hunter, you alone are responsible for your actions, regardless of the circumstances. It is your moral, ethical, and legal responsibility to do the right thing.

In accordance with the Commission's Bow Hunting Regulations (adopted September 8, 2014 and last revised July 7, 2025), an individual hunting permit can be revoked or denied by the Conservation Officer or Police for good cause. Actions or behaviors on conservation land that do not comply with the above code of conduct will constitute good cause, especially if the general welfare or safety of persons thereon is threatened.