

Monroe Conservation Commission

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Conservationist of the Month The Harper Household



Dr. Kathleen Harper and her parents John and Anne

The Hybrid Harper Household The Monroe Conservation Commission is pleased to recognize residents Dr. Kathleen Harper and her parents, John and Anne Harper as Natural Resources for October. Originally from Maine, the Harpers have always tried to be careful with Mother Nature's resources. They use bio-fuel and zone control for heating their home, wash clothes only in cold water, bring their reusable bags to the grocery store and use non-toxic household cleaners. Their lawn is free from pesticides, their blue-bin is full, and they recycle old computers, cell phones and other electronics rather than send them to the landfill. They've always felt these were what everyone should be doing to help the environment. But, this year they made an "active conscious choice to greatly reduce their carbon footprint and conserve natural resources", remarks Dr. Kathleen Harper. All three purchased a Toyota Prius Hybrid vehicle. They love the 47+ miles per gallon, and the comfort and quietness of the car, "it's great in snow and ice too", adds Anne. Although the Hybrids are a big step in

The Monroe Conservation Commission manages parks and open space properties for the town's enjoyment, including Webb Mountain Discovery Zone, Webb Mountain Park, Chalk Hill Nature Trail, Lane's Mines Park, and the Halfway River properties.

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conservation "we feel it's the everyday simple things that really add up", says John. They urge all Monroe residents to take a look and see what small changes they can make in their everyday lives - they'll be surprised at how easy it is, or they can just go buy a hybrid.

Vincent
Mangiacopra

By Christine Clark

The Monroe Conservation Commission Seeks nominations

Residents can nominate themselves or other Monroe residents who are making a difference and having a positive impact for people, their resources and the environment (not necessarily only in Monroe). Nominations can be e-mailed to monroeconservation@monroect.org or mailed to the Monroe Conservation Commission 7 Fan Hill Rd. Monroe, CT 06468.

The Monroe Conservation Commission
meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm
in the Town Hall conference room.

Public participation is welcome.

Email us at [Monroe Conservation](mailto:monroeconservation@monroect.org) with questions, comments
or concerns about our properties and nominations for Conservationist of the Month.

