

## **Atkinson Conservation Commission “Monthly Minute”**

**May 2024**  
**Trees**

With the Conservation Commission turning 50 this year, we’ve been holding lots of new events and programs in town. The month of May is no different! The members of the Conservation Commission will be walking in the Memorial Day parade and giving away wildflower seeds to the public. We will also be giving away tree seedlings (Red Cedar, White Spruce, Gray Dogwood) to Atkinson residents only over the age of 12yrs (while supplies last).

### **Why are trees important?**

- ★ they make oxygen for us to breathe
- ★ their roots stabilize the ground helping to prevent / slow erosion
- ★ their roots clean the groundwater making water safe for us to drink
- ★ they absorb carbon from the atmosphere and store it which help reduce the greenhouse effect and climate change
- ★ they create shade to help cool our houses in the summer
- ★ they provide important habitat for many wildlife species
- ★ they’re visually appealing (especially in autumn)

Trees aren’t the only important plants that provide the above benefits, all plants provide these benefits in one way or another. If you can’t plant trees on your property, consider planting native perennials or letting parts of your lawn go unmown because grass also provides these benefits!

Stop by our table after the Memorial Day parade on May 27, 2024 to get your free tree seedling and learn more about how you can help the environment!

If you have questions about conservation related issues, please feel free to reach out to us at:

[Conservation@Atkinson-NH.Gov](mailto:Conservation@Atkinson-NH.Gov)

**Red Cedar**



**White Spruce**



**Gray Dogwood**

