



**TOWN OF HINGHAM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
BOW HUNTING REGULATIONS**

(Adopted September 8, 2014, Revised August 14, 2017)

Pursuant to Article 30, Section 3 and Article 10, Section 9 of the Town of Hingham General By-Laws as amended the following regulations are adopted to govern the use of conservation lands for the purpose of bow hunting. Hunting by bow and arrow only is permitted as described in these regulations during the spring turkey and fall deer seasons.

1. The Conservation Commission will issue a list of land open to hunting on an annual basis. Hunting shall only take place on these lands.
2. Hunting Application
 - a. Hunters shall be required to submit an application form to the Town of Hingham at least three weeks prior to the start of hunting season.
 - b. An individual permit can be revoked or denied by the Conservation Officer, police, or designee for good cause.
 - c. Applications will be accepted in person, by mail, or submitted electronically.
 - d. Stand ID tags must be picked up by the hunter in person.
 - e. Application requirements include:
 - i. Completed Town of Hingham Bow Hunting Application Form.
 - ii. A copy of a valid hunting license issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
 - iii. A copy of the hunter's driver's license.
3. All State hunting rules and regulations apply.
 - a. No stalking or baiting animals is permitted.
 - b. Stands and blinds shall be placed at least 150 feet from any road or designated walking trail and 500 feet from any occupied building.
 - c. No flagging tape may be used to mark trails.
 - d. The use of bright eyes tacks/glow tacks is allowed.
4. Stands and Blinds
 - a. Stands may be placed on designated conservation lands no more than 16 days prior to the start of hunting season.
 - b. Stand ID tags will be limited to a maximum of four tags, with no more than two stands or blinds placed by any one hunter on any piece of conservation land.
 - c. Screw in steps are permitted, but shall be removed at the end of each hunting season. A hunter may request that the Commission allow steps to remain in place for a maximum of two hunting seasons. The Commission will consider such requests at its next scheduled meeting.
 - d. Stands and blinds shall be removed within one month of the end of each hunting season.
 - e. No stand or blind shall be permitted to remain on conservation land between authorized hunting seasons.
 - f. A stand ID tag shall be displayed on each stand or blind so the tag can be viewed from the ground.
5. Hunters shall at all times carry a Town-issued hunting permit card.
6. All animals taken shall be removed within 24 hours. All traces of the kill shall be removed or buried at least 100 feet from any trail or wetland. If removal will occur at night, the hunter shall notify the police department. The Conservation Office shall be notified of any kill by 4:30pm on the next business day.
7. Any illegal stands shall be reported to the Conservation Office. Whenever possible, a picture and GPS coordinates should be supplied.

*All hunters are encouraged to spend two hours per year providing services to maintain conservation lands. Service may include trash pickup, trail clearing, locating illegal stands, or other projects approved by the Conservation Officer.