



# TOWN OF HINGHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

## **Expected Hunter Behavior on Conservation Lands**

There is concern on the part of the Town of Hingham Conservation Commission (the Commission) regarding appropriate behavior on Commission-owned, conservation lands that are open to bow hunting. Aggressive or selfish behavior in the field reflects poorly on the hunting community and is not in the best interest of the future of the Commission's hunting program. Everyone who values the program and wishes to see it continue should do what they can to protect and promote hunting through good behavior in the field.

### **The following actions demonstrate appropriate behavior:**

- 1. Abide by all hunting and conservation land rules and regulations.**
- 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. It should be a place where everyone, hunters and non-hunters, can enjoy themselves without worrying about 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's your moral, ethical, and legal responsibility to do the right thing.

The Commission's Bow Hunting Regulations (adopted September 8, 2014 and revised August 14, 2017) state that an individual permit can be revoked or denied by the Conservation Officer, police, or designee for good cause. Any behavior that strays from the above mentioned actions will constitute good cause, especially if the general welfare or safety of the conservation land or persons thereon is threatened.