



**CITY OF DOVER**

## CITY OF DOVER - RESOLUTION

**Agenda Item#: 13.B.2.**

Resolution Number: **R - 2023.12.13 - 203**  
Resolution Re: Recognizing Traditional Foraging Rights on City of Dover  
Public Conservation Lands

WHEREAS: The lands on which the City of Dover, New Hampshire, now sit are the ancestral lands of the Pennacook-Abenaki-Wabanaki peoples, with history of use by other Indigenous peoples as well who hunted and gathered upon the lands;

WHEREAS: The City has promulgated a Land Acknowledgment, most recently on June 22, 2022 ([R-2022.06.22 – 135](#)), in order to recognize and identify the first people who inhabited Dover, to show respect, and to honor the land that is, and was, their homeland; and

WHEREAS: Both Indigenous leaders and the Conservation Commission recognize that foraging rights must respect the contemporary state of the natural landscape; and

WHEREAS: On November 13, 2023, the Conservation Commission adopted a foraging policy with support from the Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion. The adopted policy and guidelines are attached to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND DOVER CITY COUNCIL THAT:

The foraging policy adopted by the Conservation Commission on November 13, 2023 and attached to this resolution, which is intended to recognize and support Indigenous foraging rights as outlined in the guidelines presented in attached policy, is hereby acknowledged and approved.

### AUTHORIZATION

Approved as to Funding: Daniel R. Lynch  
Finance Director

Sponsored by: Councilor Linnea Nemeth  
Councilor Lindsey Williams

Approved as to Legal  
Form and Compliance: Joshua M. Wyatt  
City Attorney

Recorded by: Jerrica Vanslyvong-  
Bizier, City Clerk



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### DOCUMENT HISTORY:

First Reading Date: 12/13/2023	Public Hearing Date: N/A
Approved Date: 12/13/2023	Effective Date: 12/13/2023

**DOCUMENT ACTIONS: Deputy Mayor Shanahan made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Nemeth. Vote 9-0**

<b>VOTING RECORD</b>		
Date of Vote:	YES	NO
Mayor Robert Carrier	X	
Deputy Mayor Dennis Shanahan	X	
Councilor Michelle Muffett-Lipinski, Ward 1	X	
Councilor Robert Warach, Ward 2	X	
Councilor Deborah Thibodeaux, Ward 3	X	
Councilor Debra Hackett, Ward 4	X	
Councilor Fergus Cullen, Ward 6	X	
Councilor Linnea Nemeth, At Large	X	
Councilor Lindsey Williams, At Large	X	
Total Votes:	9	
Resolution does pass.		

### RESOLUTION BACKGROUND MATERIAL:

See attached.