

## **Jennifer Scott Beck – Wildlife Advocate**

Jennifer Beck (JB), serves on Wilton NH's Conservation Commission, Chairs the Marketing Committee for the NH Association of Conservation Commissions and is on their legislative committee, offering testimony on legislation impacting NH's natural environments. Beck also chairs Wilton's Economic Development Team and believes we can accommodate human consumption needs and preserve our natural resources at the same time. She's the board chair for the Wilton Alliance, a non-profit she founded to invest in a small, rural town and connect its community members to their own backyards and the town's federally protected rivers. She was named one of the 20 Outstanding Woman in NH in 2025 for her volunteer work and community contributions. She was the Public Relations and Marketing Director for the Boston Zoological Society in the 70's when they were raising funds to build a new educational, natural habitat zoological facility in the heart of the city. Retired from corporate life in marketing and business strategy, she now brings those skills to non-profits engaged in protecting wildlife and our natural world.

### **Will never forget ...**

... Coming face to face with a black bear mama one day as I started out the door. We looked at each other and froze -- equally startled and equally fascinated. I spoke softly to her,

perhaps to myself as well... She turned and walked down the steps and away. She would be back each year, bringing her cubs and cleaning the old honey off last season's bee hives.

I've had the privilege to visit places like Africa, Australia and the Galapagos Islands where giant tortoises have been granted person-hood rights by the government of Ecuador. I share this planet, and my backyard in New Hampshire, with all sorts of amazing creatures who were here long before me. I don't own this land of theirs, I steward it and hope that when I'm gone, they will still be here, and the next residents will understand how to respect these sentient beings and figure out how to co-exist.

