

Meeting: Antrim Conservation Commission, March 2, 2023 at 6:00 pm meeting at Town Hall.
Attendees: Peter Beblowski '25', Linda Bryer '24', Keith Wolsiefer '25 and Ron Cheetham '23'
Public: John Anderson
Absent: Jeremy DeLisle '23', Rod Zwirner-Member-at-Large, and Bob Holmes '24'

1. Draft January 2023 meeting notes were reviewed, amended and accepted.
2. Bob Holmes has applied to the NH Coverts Program for 2023
<https://extension.unh.edu/natural-resources/wildlife/nh-coverts-project> .
3. On February 15, 2023, Peter submitted to the Planning Department, the Commission's review and comment on the Schacht subdivision.
4. **Trails:**
 - a. **Campbell Pond**- Peter contacted Monadnock Conservancy and they were positive but wanted to know more about placement & location of potential camping area. It is to be determined (tbd) at this time. Peter will also reach out to Steve Lauber about the project. Peter will send a mid-week notice out to members at go out to the pond to scope out the possible trail and check for Japanese Barberry bushes near the northeast corner of the pond. Also, a check of Lidar on the NH Granit system should be made.
 - b. **Meadow Marsh Trail** –Maps have been placed in the trailhead box. Bob walked and cleaned up the trail following the last wind/snow storm.
 - c. **Lily Pond Trail** – Trail needs to be hiked following the last wind/snow storm. Sometime in February, we will try take a hike to the ledges, if snow allows and to the heron rookery after the pond freezes solid.
 - d. **Hurlin Property** – nothing of note at this time.
 - e. **Meetinghouse Hill Trail** to the Meetinghouse Hill Cemetery needs to be re-established. Peter will try to move this along with Andy Robblee this spring.
 - f. Also, need to develop an integrated trail management plan for town and Master Plan. This is to be re-visited after the pandemic is resolved.
 - g. Several post tops have been made for installation this year by Tod Bryer.
<https://naturegroupie.org/citizen-science/picture-post> and
<https://picturepost.ou.edu/index.jsp> We need commit to this project. Bob said he had some interest and indicated he has been taking pictures from some posts on conservation land in Stoddard. It was found out that the property (Crider Forest) is in conservation with the Forest Society <https://forestsociety.org/blog-post/please-use-our-picture-posts> and <https://forestsociety.org/property/james-eleanor-crider-forest>
5. Linda thought that an invasive plant workshop could be put together in May or June. Possibly coordinated with the Rec Commission at Memorial Park?

6. There is a need to have Jeremy and Ron renew their commissions after town meeting.
7. **iNaturalist** may be accessed at <https://www.inaturalist.org/> Please check out the website. It is very interesting and fun to use. Download the app to your phone and start documenting the natural world around you. For things that are unknown they provide an app for kids called Seek https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/seek_app They both work great. Check them out! Please get back to me if you have concerns or questions.
8. **Hikes and paddles:** Hikes to be coordinated with trail work above....
 - a. **Campbell Pond**- in March or April stay tuned.
 - b. **Meadow Marsh** – tbd. Peter obtained some granite slab for steps through stone wall near road crossing. It is anticipated these will be installed sometime in the spring.
 - c. **Lily Pond** - potential hike in the spring and one granite slab was obtained for rotten log step replacement in 2023. Time tbd.
 - d. **Gregg Lake** – Town has received monies through ARAPA program for work on the dam.
 - e. Hurlin Property – tbd
9. **Intents to Cut**- active
 - 22-017-06T- Toumanoff/Hootor Farm, Map 254 Lot 001, Weston Rd., (2 of 6.1+/- acres cut)
 - 22-017-07T- Bernardi, Map 227, Lot 016, North Holt Hill Rd., (14 of 16+/- acres cut)
 - 22-017-09T- Rubin, Map 220, Lot 012, Old Carr Rd., (5.1 of 83.7+/- acres cut)
10. **NHDES Notices:** Staat- 373 Stoddard Road, February 2, 2023 revised February 8, 2023 Land Resource Management (LRM) File #2023-00036. Letter of Deficiency. Five observations were documented by NHDES and a number of actions are required by the end of March, April and June 2023. Additional information will be required and interaction with the Staats take place once the snow melts and the site can be observed by the commission. A date for this is yet to be determined.
11. **Workshops & meetings**
 - Harris Center** <https://harriscenter.org/events>
 - Monadnock Conservancy:** <http://www.monadnockconservancy.org>
 - Society for the Protection of NH Forests:** <https://forestsociety.org/>
 - Nature Conservancy:** <https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/new-hampshire/contact-us/>
 - NH Association of Conservation Commissions:** <https://www.nhacc.org/>

Next Meeting: tentatively April 27, 2023 at 6 pm at Town Hall.
Meeting ended at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Peter Beblowski, Chair

Antrim Conservation Commission