

Meeting: Antrim Conservation Commission, October 27, 2022 at 6:00 pm meeting at Town Hall.

Attendees: Peter Beblowski '25', Linda Bryer '24' and Ron Cheetham '23'

Public: none

Absent: Rod Zwirner-Member-at-Large, Keith Wolsiefer '25, and Jeremy DeLisle '23'

1. Draft September 2022 meeting notes were reviewed, revised and accepted.
2. **Invasive Plants –Burning Bush removal at Town Hall has occurred.** Blueberries were planted on October 12. Peter got several bags of compost for the plantings. Jeremy and Keith did a bang up job planting the bushes before dark.
3. Frank Gorga has resigned as a member of the commission. A Thank You card was signed and Peter will send the note to thank Frank for his service.
4. **Trails:**
 - a. **Campbell Pond-** The Student Conservation Association (SCA) has placed us on the schedule for 2023. We made the list! The costs are moderate \$12k for 11 day work crew. Cost for a port a john for 2 weeks and materials for bridges will be extra and yet to be determined.
 - b. **Meadow Marsh Trail** – Peter is continuing the inventorying the biodiversity with iNaturalist and walked the trail. Maps need to be placed in trailhead box.
 - c. **Lily Pond Trail** - Large pine tree on Map 227, Lot 7.1 was cut up on Sunday October 9 with a crew of Keith, Ron and Peter. Trail is in good condition
 - d. **Hurlin Property-** Linda is to contact Caleb Platt about brush hogging. A general assessment was made on Sunday 10/09/2022.
 - e. **Meetinghouse Hill Trail** to the Meetinghouse Hill Cemetery needs to be re-established.
 - 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 to install this fall....
5. Harris Center has come back with a request for \$5,000 for stewardship and enforcement contribution for 3 properties adjacent to the south end of Gregg Lake totaling 100+/- acres. Following some discussion, the commission thought it was a good idea to use conservation fund monies for this purpose. Linda Bryer moved that we provide the monies from the conservation fund. Ron C second. Following a little additional discussion, a vote was held 3 yes, 0 no. A grant of \$5,000 to the Harris Center to help with the Conservation Easements on Antrim Map 246, lot 10 and lot 11 and Antrim Map 247, lot 5 was moved in the affirmative. Peter will get back to HC about the project and notify the town.
6. **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.
7. **Hikes and paddles:** Hikes to be coordinated with trail work above....
 - a. **Campbell Pond-** in the fall sometime after hunting season.

- b. **Meadow Marsh** – tbd
 - c. **Lily Pond** - tbd
 - d. **Gregg Lake** –. tbd
 - e. Hurlin Property – tbd
8. **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)

9. **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/> Annual meeting is November 8 and is to be held in Pembroke and on-line.

Next Meeting: tentatively **December 1, 2022 at 6 pm at Town Hall.**

Meeting ended at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Peter Beblowski, Chair

Antrim Conservation Commission