

**Meeting:** Antrim Conservation Commission, September 29, 2022 at 6:00 pm meeting at Town Hall.

**Attendees:** Peter Beblowski '25', Keith Wolsiefer '25, Jeremy DeLisle '23' and Ron Cheetham '23'  
Public: John Anderson

**Absent:** Linda Bryer '24', Rod Zwirner-Member-at-Large.

1. Draft August 2022 meeting notes were reviewed, and accepted.
2. **Invasive Plants –Burning Bush removal at Town Hall has occurred.** Blueberries are to be planted on October 12 at 4:30 to 5:30 pm or so. Peter to get several bags of compost. Jeremy to bring the bushes for planting.
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. Soak Up the Rain has contacted the commission and Joan Gorga, Jerome Schultz & Helen Perivier about a demonstration project next spring/summer at the lake. Ron is to send an introduction to Frank Malinowski, Chair of the Franklin Pierce Lake Association regarding the SUTR program for Peter to see if they are interested.
5. **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 port a john for 2 weeks and materials for bridges will be extra.
  - b. **Meadow Marsh Trail** – Peter is continuing the inventorying the biodiversity with iNaturalist. Keith walked part of the trail and it is looking good.
  - c. **Lily Pond Trail** - Peter is continuing the inventorying the biodiversity with iNaturalist at the pond and along the trail with iNaturalist. Large pine tree on Map 227, Lot 7.1 that blew down needs to be cut up on Sunday October 9 at 10am to noon.
  - d. **Hurlin Property-** Linda is to contact Caleb Platt about brush hogging and get him to do it after August 1. Mowing the field to keep it open will be the first step. We will walk and assess at same time as Lily Pond hike (Sunday 10/09/2022 at 10 to noon)
  - 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....
6. Harris Center has asked the commission if we would be interested in assisting in a conservation easement transaction with 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 use. We have helped on quite a number of conservation projects in this manner. Peter will get back to HC about the project.
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](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 the fall sometime in late October to mid- November.
  - b. **Meadow Marsh** – tbd
  - c. **Lily Pond** – Oct 9 at 10 to noon
  - d. **Gregg Lake** – Tbd
  - e. Hurlin Property – Oct 9 at 10 to noon
9. **Planning Board/ ZBA:** an application from Mark and Susan Brooks for an appeal from an administrative decision by the Code Enforcement Officer denying a building permit for a residence at 40 South Holt Hill Road, Parcel #234-016 in the Rural Conservation District pursuant to RSA Section 674:41 insofar as the proposed residence would face upon on an existing Class VI Road, instead of a Class V Road as required in the statute.
10. **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)
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 October 27, 2022 at 6pm at Town Hall.  
Meeting ended at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted by Peter Beblowski, Chair  
Antrim Conservation Commission