

Meeting: Antrim Conservation Commission, December 27, 2017 at 530 pm at the Town Hall.

Attendees: Peter Beblowski '19, Keith Wolsiefer '17, Linda Bryer '18', Ron Cheetham '20', and Frank Gorga '18

Absent: Jeremy DeLisle '20' & Rod Zwirner '19'

1. November 2017 meeting notes were reviewed and accepted as amended.
2. **Campbell Pond** –Next work day likely in New Year possibly a snow shoe hike on January 6 or 7 (tentative) depends on weather.
3. **a) Meadow Marsh Trail** – Peter marked and cut much of the Hattie Brown side of the trail. He also chain sawed downed trees from recent wind storms.
b) Lily Pond Trail needs work – Possibly in Dec if no snow Date: pending. Jeremy & family went out after Thanksgiving and picked up small wood on trail. Large down wood need chain sawing.
c) West Street to Rte 31 – potential new trail, briefly discussed with Rec Commission. Still needs site walkover and further discussion.
d) Hurlin Property has some substantial trees that need cutting. Schedule in winter 2018
4. **Antrim 2020 Trail Group** last met on November 8. Meadow Marsh Trail has been uploaded to <https://www.trailfinder.info/> needs some work before winter. Additional signs are being printed. Permanent signs are to be routed. Trail work has been accomplished on Bald Basin side of trail. Plans need to be made for bridge and stair construction for Lily Pond Trail in spring/summer 2018.
5. We have been asked by an individual from the Stoddard Con Comm to support HB1343 Protection of Beavers: NHACC & Fish & Game were contacted regarding their standings on the proposed legislation. Linda Bryer proposed that we not respond to the proposed legislation because it is redundant and beavers are already protect under Fish & Game rules. Vote went 4in favor and 0 against. (Chair does not vote except to break tie or if quorum is needed).
6. Annual Meeting Report discussed & finalized....
7. **Invasives** – (a) Need to coordinate Speaking for Wildlife presentation: **NH Bugs: The Big Three.** *NHBugs: The Big Three* informs New Hampshire citizens and visitors about three invasive insects of greatest concern to our trees and forests: emerald ash borer, hemlock woolly adelgid and Asian longhorned beetle. (b) Bittersweet and Japanese Knotweed is taking over lower Smith Road and other parts of town. Peter contacted Doug Cygan at USDA about doing a presentation for the town. He will coordinate it with Rec, Grange and library, date needs to be set. Jan/Feb? Potential Limrik article.
8. **Gregg Lake Basin study & initiative** – has been funded by USEPA through NHDES- and is moving forward.
9. **Wetland Permits-**
 - a. 2017-02818 Fitzgerald, *Wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notification* (see below).
 - b. 2017-02227 Town of Antrim, Standard Dredge & Fill Application for West Street (ROW) over Great Brook Project still pending additional information to be supplied by the Town.
10. **Intents to Cut-**
2017-017-011T- Fitzgerald, Map 220, Lots 31, 38 & 39, NH Route 31 (cut on 100 of 117 acres)

Workshops & meetings – see separate pages.

11. **Harris Center** <http://www.harriscenter.org/Programs/programs.htm>

12. **Monadnock Conservancy:** <http://www.monadnockconservancy.org>

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 530 pm in the Town Hall.