

Meeting: Antrim Conservation Commission, June 26, 2019 at 530 pm at the Town Hall.

Attendees: Peter Beblowski '22', Frank Gorga '21', Linda Bryer '21', and Keith Wolsiefer '19' needs to get sworn in at TH for '22'

Absent: Jeremy DeLisle '20', Ron Cheetham '20' & Rod Zwirner

1. Draft May 2019 meeting notes were reviewed, amended and accepted.

2. **Trails:**

- a. **Campbell Pond** – Peter still has to get out to Campbell Pond to place signs prohibiting motorized vehicles (OHRV- Off Highway Recreational Vehicles) at various access points on town property. Has anyone received any feedback on the recent June 2019 Limrick article?

Also, Frank to contact Student Conservation Association (SCA) regarding trail building around pond & possible loop trail up Reilly Mtn. If too late for this year, then plan for early coordination with SCA for next year.

- b. **Meadow Marsh Trail** – Has anyone seen the 2 No Motorized Vehicles signs at the trailhead access points on Craig Road? The second bench looking towards Holt Hill has been installed. What do you think?
- c. **Lily Pond Trail** – Several additional work days are to be scheduled. (see below). Boy Scouts have been contacted and no response has been received. We will move forward. Peter to compile materials list and contact the Cemetery Committee regarding the trail out the backside of the cemetery.
- d. **Hurlin Property** has some substantial trees that need cutting. Schedule in winter 2019.
- e. **Meetinghouse Hill Trail** to the Meetinghouse Hill Cemetery needs to be re-established. Peter to contact Andrew Robblee re: new trail easement agreement. This still needs to be done. Also, the commission has been contacted by the Antrim Historical Society about a joint hike to the center cemeteries. Suggested time would be during Home & Harvest (mid September) Date & Time: tbd.

3. **Antrim 2020 Trail Group** of special note are work days for Hurlin Property cleanup this winter 2019.

- a. Dates: tbd

4. Note Town Hall needs to be contacted about possible removal & proper disposal of several invasive species that have been established at and around several town properties. Town Hall: bittersweet & burningbush.

5. **Gregg Lake Basin study** is moving forward nicely. An Unpaved Road Maintenance seminar was given at Antrim Town Hall on Saturday, June 22, at 1 pm by Russ Lanoie. Russ Lanoie has been a specialty sitework contractor in the White Mountains of New Hampshire for over forty years. He has an Associate Degree in Civil Technology from UNH and has written about and presented programs on energy conservation and solar home design, understanding septic systems, wet basement mitigation and unpaved road maintenance.

In his presentation, Russ discussed problems with unpaved roads, soils, preparing a road base, road surfaces, grading to optimize drainage, tools and techniques, water control, stormwater management, troubleshooting and maintenance tips. Russ also provided copies of A Ditch in Time, his "owner's manual for those who live and travel on dirt and gravel roads," which is also available as a free download from his website, <https://ruralhometech.com/>. <https://ruralhometech.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Road-Book-by-RL-8-17.pdf>

The event was sponsored by the Gregg Lake Watershed Management Plan Committee.

The first Gregg Lake Water Quality Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for July 12 at tbd (630pm). Additional outreach may involve becoming a **Soak-Up-the-Rain Group** <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/SoakNH/> still pending additional information from NHDES.

6. **Anitra Sorensen and Phil Brown** of NH Audubon have been working diligently to establish a Friends of Willard Pond group. The third 'Friends' meeting was held at Tuttle Library on June 13 at 6 to 8 pm. Peter and Phil Brown met with the Selectmen and NH Fish & Game on June 3. Both meetings went well and the selectmen and police are moving forward with additional no parking signage and patrols of Willard Pond Road.
7. **Contookook & North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee (CNBRLAC):** Rod says the new website is now available, <https://www.cnbrlac.org/>.
8. **Paddles & Hikes: Lily Pond Trail** work days – July 14 @ 1:30 to 4pm
Robb Reservoir Paddle - June 9 1 to 4pm cancelled and to be rescheduled
Willard Pond Paddle – June 2 2 pm was poorly attended
Bar-B-Que at Gregg Lake –July 19 @ 6pm Bar-B-Que and paddle.
Paddle with Bennington Con Com on the Contoocook River on June 29, 2019 at 9am to noon meet at mill.
9. **Planning Board:** rewrite of the Master Plan. No action to date.
10. **Intents to Cut-** active
19-017-03T Lawrence Map 214, Lot 5, Smith Road (10 of 12 acres cut)
19-017-04T Caughey Map 235, Lot 3, Brimstone Corner Rd., (6 of 6.3 acres cut)
11. **NHDES Wetland Permits:**
Note from NHDES Wetland Bureau- date April 17, 2019 regarding an unpermitted, on-going work within Shoreland Protection Area at 22 Jackman Shores. Peter visited site 2x and sent email to NHDES on May 29, 2019. Received an email response from DES indicating additional investigation by NHDES would take place. May 31, 2019 NHDES letter received indicating Joseph Curran of North Hampton MA needs to respond in 20 days.
12. Letter from Loon Preservation Committee to Town RE: controlled lake/pond levels and sensitivity to nesting loons.
13. **Workshops & meetings** – see separate pages
14. **Harris Center** <http://www.harriscenter.org/Programs/programs.htm>
15. **Monadnock Conservancy:** <http://www.monadnockconservancy.org>

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 530 pm in the Town Hall.