

**Meeting:** January 27, 2009 at Antrim Town Hall at 700 pm.

**Attended by:** Peter Beblowski, Martha Pinello, Linda Bryer

Absent: Rod Zwirner &

**Agenda:**

1. Notes from September 2008 meeting accepted as amended at this time.
2. Audubon: Willard Pond "*Forever Wild*" Project briefly discussed. Appears to be coming to a successful conclusion.
3. Rod is to continue his discussions with the Miller's regarding contacting the estate of Richard Withington.
4. Town Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): Select men withdrew the ACC's \$25K request for Open Space Reserve Account Funding.
5. White Birch Point Request: Town received letter from WBP Association requesting landscape assistance in August 25, 2008 letter. NEED TO REVISIT Ask Rod to contact Whit Birch Point Association Director.
6. Hurlin Property mowing \$224.
7. **TAOS Meeting NEED TO CONTACT & revisit with Grapevine** landscaping needs. Next meeting pending. Peter will do.
8. Discussed SB 381 and its ramifications to the Conservation work done by the Commission.
9. American Elm Project needs to be revisited with Brian Beihl.
10. Martha & Peter to attend Workshop on January 31 below
11. Peter to get info together for Winter/Spring Open Space/Wildlife in Antrim Photo Contest.
12. **Next Hike:** or Paddle: (none scheduled).
13. **Monadnock Conservancy:**  
Jan 31 workshop in Keene.  
**Jan. 31 (Sat) – Monadnock Region Land Summit: Call for Town Leaders.** The Community Conservation Partnership (CCP) is sponsoring a region-wide conference designed for local decision-makers (boards/commissions/committees). This all-day event will include workshops and discussions on topics important to conserving the special places and natural areas that contribute to our communities' distinctive character and quality of life. If you're active in town leadership, please join the Harris Center, Monadnock Conservancy, and other CCP partners at this event. Register by January 16 and check [www.monadnockconservancy.org](http://www.monadnockconservancy.org) for more information. Questions? Contact Dee Robbins - [dee@monadnockconservancy.org](mailto:dee@monadnockconservancy.org), (603) 357-0600.
14. **Harris Center:** Presently working on a conservation project in the Bald Basin area.  
[http://www.harriscenter.org/documents/HC\\_Calendar.pdf](http://www.harriscenter.org/documents/HC_Calendar.pdf)  
**Feb. 1 (Sun) – Celebrate Groundhog Day with a Ramble through the Kulish Forest and Welch Family Farm and Forest SPNHF Reservations.** Moderately easy outing co-sponsored by the Hancock Conservation Commission and the Forest Society. Leaders include conservation commission members, along with Forest Society staffers Dave Anderson and Geoff Jones (quoting from his well worn copy of Bobcats Before Breakfast, tales of the late "University of the Woods" esteemed alum, John Kulish). These properties, recently protected by conservation easements held by the town of Hancock, comprise important connections, for recreation, wildlife habitat and water quality protection, between Harris Center Big Woods land, Moose Brook and NH Fish and Game's Carpenter's Marsh and Audubon's Willard Pond Sanctuary. Carpool departs from the Hancock Town Office lot at 1 p.m. Back before 4 p.m. (\*)  
**Feb. 8 (Sun) – Easy-Going Big Woods Outing Around the Boulder Train Trail to the Dandelyon Trail** with its trail ending amazing heap of huge glacial boulders and wildlife sign a sure bet. Meet Harris Center staffers Eric Aldrich and Jess Bunker at 10 a.m. Back by noon. (F) (\*)

**Feb. 14 (Sat) – Downtown Peterborough up to Pack Monadnock**, utilizing a newly created link trail connecting the Cranberry Meadow and other conservation easement lands with the Raymond Trail to the top of Pack. Moderately strenuous but interesting route from a small town urban to a wild and scenic landscape with fields, forests, scenic waterways and grand vistas. Meet trail blazer Swift Corwin with Emily Hague of the co-sponsoring Monadnock Conservancy at the Toadstool at 8:45 a.m. (shuttle vehicles at 8 a.m.). Shuttles return about 1 p.m.

15. **Nature Conservancy**: Martha & Barbara Beblowski working as part-time land stewards for Perkins Property in Windsor which is contiguous with the Lovern's Mill Cedar Swamp Project Area.

16. **SPNHF**:

17. **Planning Board** – nothing pending.

18. Wetland Permits:

a. August 15, 2008 permit issued to Town for North Main Street project.

b. September 12, 2008 permit issued to Town for Gregg Lake & Holt Hill Rd work.

**Next Meeting**: February 25, 2009 at 530 pm at Town Hall (tentative).