

Meeting: Antrim Conservation Commission, April 14, 2009 at 6 pm at Antrim Town Hall

Attendees: Peter Beblowski, Mike Bingham, Linda Bryer, Kim Kelley, Matt Robblee, Keith Wolsiefer, Rod Zwirner

Absent: Martha Pinello, Ron Chetham

Agenda:

1. Notes from March 25th meeting accepted as reported.
2. Rod will continue his discussions with the Miller's regarding contacting the estate of Richard Withington and will also try to contact Paul Wittemore about using the trail to Williard Pond.
3. Rod will contact the White Birch Association Director in regards to the WBP Association letter dated 8/25/2008 to the town requesting assistance with landscaping.
4. Keith will attend the next meeting of the Grapevine Landscape Project (TAOS). The meeting does not have a scheduled date at this time.
5. The American Elm Project has offered a memorial elm tree to be planted by the Boy Scouts in Memorial Park. Brian Beihl & Peter to discuss.
6. Peter and Keith are attending the Monadnock Conservancy Conservation Leaders workshop held every other Thursday night at the Harris Center. The next meeting is scheduled for April 23rd.
7. Peter contacted Elsa Volker about a 2009 Open Space Wildlife in Antrim photo contest. She is willing to help once school is out. We will try for Contest end at the end of August and maybe a display of the photos at the Antrim Home and Harvest days scheduled for September 18-20. Peter is still trying to contact the Greenfield Conservation Commission about using their contest entry form. We need to determine prize categories and values at next meeting.
8. Roadside Cleanup is scheduled for Sunday May 17, 2009 from 2 to 5 pm. Boy Scouts and Conservation Committee will organize. Matt will check about getting 100 bags from the DOT. Brian Biehl & Linda will assign roads. We will meet at the Grapevine. Linda will speak with Kristin Vance and with Clark Craig to arrange for a truck and barrels.
9. Richard Loveland of the Lions Club is working on publishing an Outdoor Guide for Antrim and Bennington and is looking for some input on trail maps.
10. Daffodil Days sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce are scheduled for May 2.
11. Next Hike is scheduled for Sunday April 19th to Meadow-marsh. Meet at the Gregg Lake Beach at 1 pm.

12. Current Monadnock Conservancy programs were reviewed. April programs include "Invasive Plants" and "Looking beyond the Trees".
13. Current Harris Center programs were discussed, including a conservation project in the Bald Basin area. Their website is a good source for the calendar of events.
http://www.harriscenter.org/documents/HC_Calendar.pdf
14. Nature Conservancy - Martha & Barbara Beblowski are working as part-time land stewards for Perkins property in Windsor which is contiguous with the Lovern's Mill Cedar Swamp Project Area.
15. The library has a designated shelf for conservation related materials.
16. Three notice of intent to cut applications were reviewed.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Tuesday May 12th at 6 pm in the Town Hall.