

Meeting: Antrim Conservation Commission, June 16, 2009 at 6 pm at Antrim Town Hall

Attendees: Peter Beblowski, Kim Kelley, Keith Wolsiefer, Rod Zwirner, Ron Cheetham,
Martha Pinello, Mike Bingham

Absent: Linda Bryer, Matt Robblee

Agenda:

1. Notes from May 12th meeting accepted as reported.
2. Peter has received one application for a minor subdivision for review. The policy is that if it impacts wetlands and is approved to ask for a conservation benefit to offset the impact. This is especially important for large projects.
3. Keith and Mike still need to see Donna Hanson to be sworn in as Conservation Commissioners.
4. There is currently no formal policy for "Green" projects in Antrim.
5. Peter attended the meeting of the Grapevine Landscape Project (TAOS). They will be doing some minor plantings of blueberries and raspberries...
6. Kim reported that Robin Loveland has organized a Lake Host Program for Pierce Lake. A grant was received for one paid host and his time will be matched with volunteers in 3 hour weekend slots.
7. Elsa Volker will be contacted about a 2009 Open Space/ Wildlife or Antrim Outdoors photo contest. She is willing to help once school is out. We will try for the Contest to run from July thru December. Do we want to display 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. There would be potential for a 2011 calendar. We will ask Dick Loveland about using the Outdoor Guide Website to hold the photos. Rod will ask the Lions Club if they want to partner with us on this.
8. Rod reported that the Meetinghouse Hill trail has been cleaned up and that it needs more markers.
9. The Meadow marsh trail needs to be cleaned up. We have scheduled our cleanup for Tuesday June 30th at 5:30. Peter and Ron will bring chainsaws and others will bring hand saws and hand cutters.
10. Peter provided information about the Antrim Conservation committee to a student from Conant High. (Sarah Thibaudeau). Information included how much money in our fund, how we raise funds and

what we use funds for. We currently have \$35,000. We receive 50% of current use tax revenues and usually ask for a capital improvement request from the town; the request for \$25,000 was rescinded this year due to the weak economy. We have spent \$20,000 on projects thru the years. The largest was \$4,000 to the Willard Pond fund. We award dollars to Land Trusts for conservation projects – we do not pay people directly for work.

11. Our commission made a request in 2006 and is paying for a state geologist from the DES to provide maps of Bedrock and Sand & Gravel Resources for the town of Antrim. The draft maps for bedrock have been given to Neal and the sand & gravel maps should be finalized by January 1, 2010.
12. Peter notified The Harris Center that our \$50 donation for a Conservation Scholarship will be sent.
13. We should review the Master Plan and let Peter know if there is anything that we have concerns about and want to discuss with him. We should look at the references to Wal-Mart in our section. We should also plan to attend the public hearings concerning the Master Plan and make an organized presentation from our commission.
14. The Open Space Plan is online – this committee has been disbanded and Open Space is now a function of our commission.
15. Peter has asked the Society for the Protection of NH Forests for the Management Plan for McCabe Forest. They do not have a formal plan and they consider their Natural Resources Inventory their management plan. He will also write to the Nature Conservatory to request the plan for Lovern Mills. Rod will request the plan for Meadows End and we will write the plans for Campbell Pond and Meadow-marsh. The Harris Center is responsible for Robb Reservoir.
16. Martha reported that the Lempster Mountain Wind Farm is having an open house and dedication this Friday, June 19th and we should attend if possible.
17. The Willard Pond dedication is Saturday June 20th.
18. We will try to schedule a paddle on Pierce Lake for a Sunday afternoon or Thursday evening in July.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Tuesday July 21st at 6 pm in the Town Hall.