

Meeting: Antrim Conservation Commission, January 25, 2017 at 530 pm at the Town Hall.

Attendees: Peter Beblowski '19, , Ron Cheetham '17', Frank Gorga '18', Rod Zwirner '19'

Absent: Linda Bryer '18', Keith Wolsiefer '17' and Jeremy DeLisle

1. December 2016 meeting notes were reviewed and accepted as amended
2. **Campbell Pond** - no notes at this time.
3. Hurlin Property has some substantial trees that need cutting. We will try to schedule that in the winter.
4. **Antrim 2020 Trail Group** members to first tackle the Meadow Marsh Trail. Trail is in need of work and re-blazing. Temporary signs are being printed. Permanent signs are to be routed. Trail rehab is planned to be completed by National Trail Day ® on June 3, 2017. Stay tuned!!!!
5. Road work on Brimstone Road. It seems the rogue road work has stopped again for the winter. Frank to keep on top of it.
6. Selectmen to reinstate the Open Space Committee with 5 members and have discussed placing it under Con Com. 1 Selectman 1 con com member + general public. Peter to continue to work on potential members. Frank indicated some interest.
7. Warrant articles: terminating the open space \$\$\$\$ account ---to be used for Grove Street Bridge.....
8. **Emerald Ash Borer** (EAB) is a non-native insect. EAB lacks predators to keep it in check. Infested trees die within 3 to 5 years. EAB only attacks ash trees, and is responsible for the death of millions of ash trees in the midwest. Help protect New Hampshire's ash trees. A [quarantine of all hardwood firewood, ash wood-products and all ash nursery stock is in effect for Belknap, Hillsborough, Merrimack and Rockingham Counties](#) More info may be found at www.NHBUGS.org
9. **Antrim Wind** Warrant article draft and Conservation easement for Bean Property discussed. Following discussion Frank G moved that the ACC recommend that an independent agency/land trust not the town or the ACC take & monitor the Bean Easement in perpetuity. Ron C 2nd it. It was voted 3-0 in favor of motion (the chair does not vote, only when needed for a quorum or to break a tie). Also, Peter was directed to write a letter to the Selectmen and attend the Selectmen's meeting on January 30, 2017.
10. **Wetland Permits-** Permit by Notification was issued to Monadnock Paper for Forestry work.
11. **Intents to Cut-**
2016-017-18T- Gould Family Trust Property, Map 242, Lot 73, West Street (cut on 45 of 75 ac)
2016-017-19T- Monadnock Paper Co. Map 244, Lot 14, High Street, (cut on 13 of 22 acres) .
2016-017-20T-Karsten Property, Map 232, Lots 21, 22, & 23, Matteson Rd, (cut on 36 of 126 ac)
2016-017-21T-Meadowsend Timberlands, Map 210, Lot 1 & Map 211 Lot 7, Salmon Brook Rd, (cut on 15 of 275 acres).
Intent also filed for whole tree cutting & chipping along powerline parallel to Rte 9 by Eversource (formerly PSNH).
12. **A Grant Proposal for Gregg Lake drainage study** was submitted by Joan Gorga on behalf of the Rec committee & the Conservation Commission as a participant to NHDES. More to come forth in the future. Frank indicated that Joan needs a public use license for GIS/GPS and wondered if the Commission would participate at 50% (for \$50) with the Rec Committee. Commission discussed and voted 4 – 0 in affirmative when physical request comes in from Joan Gorga.
13. **Vegetation in the mill pond.**

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 530 pm in the Town Hall.