

Meeting: Antrim Conservation Commission, March 26, 2014 at 530 pm at the Town Hall.

Attendees: Peter Beblowski, Ron Cheetham, Keith Wolsiefer, , Linda Bryer, Rod Zwirner,

Absent:

1. The no notes from January meeting. Notes written for February meeting accepted as amended.
2. Campbell Pond Phase II partially complete. Pick up invoice and send to Galen to be paid. From Jeff: Tracking last week was great! Bobcat trails all over the place and it looks like there may be a mating pair. Also, looks like a mating pair of coyotes and gray foxes. Also saw tracks for fisher, gray and red squirrel, snowshoe hare, porcupine, deer, and racoon. Plus, found a dead (frozen) porcupine that a bobcat checked out but didn't eat. That's all for now. Planning to collect more track data this winter. I'll let you know what I find.

Galen requested Commission review the following 5 Town Properties for potential sale:

3. The commission visited the sites on March 15 – Sites were covered in snow. To be revisited when not snow covered.
 - a. Map 219, Lot 010 between Elm Ave & Bridle Rd and Smith Rd (water precinct owned/Boy Scout used)
 - b. Map 101, Lot 046 Gregg Lake Rd (Old Town Beach)
 - c. Map 213, Lot 017 197 Keene Rd (Route 9)
 - d. Map 234, Lot 011 Gregg Lake Rd (old Mill Dam)
 - e. Map 235, Lot 004 Craig Rd.
4. Discuss Franklin Pierce Lake request of \$180. After considerable discussion it was felt that \$180 was a lot of \$\$ and that additional investigation into what analyses were required and if it would be more cost effective to have the Rivers and Lake folks work together? Also would it be cheaper in the long run to buy a kit and do things in house? Rod & Ron to investigate further. Also it was determined that last year we donated \$60 for Franklin Pierce testing and this year we would up it to \$90. In a sense of fairness, it was determined also by unanimous vote (4-0 Chair no vote) that an equal (\$90) donation to the Gregg Lake Association would be made when requested. Rod to contact the Association
5. Our next hike will be to McCabe Forest on Saturday March 29 at 9:30am. We will meet with Peter Moore to discuss signage and marking of trails.
6. **Emerald Ash Borer** discussed Updates will be provided. More info may be found at www.NHBUGS.org **Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was found in Concord in March 2013. As 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 Merrimack County.**
7. **Harris Center** <http://www.harriscenter.org/Programs/programs.htm>
8. **Monadnock Conservancy:** <http://www.monadnockconservancy.org>

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Wednesday, April 30 at 530 pm in the Town Hall.