

Meeting: Antrim Conservation Commission, December 31, 2014 at 530 pm at the Town Hall.
Attendees: Peter Beblowski, Rod Zwirner - NOT AN OFFICIAL MEETING
Absent: Keith Wolsiefer, Linda Bryer, Ron Cheetham,

1. Notes written for October meeting rejected/ accepted as amended.
2. November meeting cancelled due to bad weather.
3. December meeting held but only two showed up so no quorum.
4. There was no meeting in September because of the Public Hearing.
5. Campbell Pond Phase II partially complete. We are awaiting additional word from Jeff Littleton. Campbell Pond hike and Japanese Barberry removal was a success on November 2. 12 plants were removed and 8 were bagged and placed on a boulder for spring removal.
6. While out at Campbell Pond on November 2 we observed a small portion of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid infestation on west side of Pond. To read more about this pest go to <http://nhbugs.org/hemlock-woolly-adelgid> In speaking with Monadnock Conservancy biological control may be good to investigate. Predator beetles for control of HWA aren't available commercially. However, the NH Division of Forests and Lands is looking for suitable sites to release predator beetles. They need heavily infested stands that will not be harvested or converted to housing. Peter B contacted the forest health office at 464-3016 and has been in touch with kyle.lombard@dred.state.nh.us
7. NHACC annual meeting Nov 1 at the Laconia Middle School was attended by Peter. He said it was a very interesting and successful meeting. Meeting presentations (powerpoints and Ted Talks are now available at the NHACC web site. Feel free to check them out.
8. We received an inquiry from the Harris Center regarding the grant monies we voted for the project. Galen said he would have it sent. (But he left town soon thereafter.) New TA Donna Hansen tracking it down.
9. Need to revisit contact Jane Lauber again about possible sale of Campbell Pond access property on Pierce Lake Rd.
10. Our next hike to tbd.
11. Rod arranged for Eric Tenney to mow the Hurlin Property but equipment problems did not allow for it to be done before snow flies. It will be done next spring.
12. McCabe Forest Trail signs have been updated and look good.
13. Need to get Invasive species poster up at Town Hall & may be some handouts for wall slots.
14. **Emerald Ash Borer** discussed Updates New site found in Salem and Weare... Hillsbough County is about to be placed in Federal quarantine. More info may be found at www.NHBUGS.org **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 Merrimack County.**
 1. **Harris Center** <http://www.harriscenter.org/Programs/programs.htm>
 2. **Monadnock Conservancy:** <http://www.monadnockconservancy.org>

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 530 pm in the Town Hall.