

## Draft

**Meeting:** Antrim Conservation Commission (ACC), November 27, 2012 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall.

**Attendees:** Peter Beblowski, chairman 2013, Linda Bryer 2015, Keith Wolsiefer 2014, Ron Cheetham 2014, Jeff Littleton

**Absent:** Rod Zwirner At-Large

### Agenda:

1. There was no October meeting.
2. The September meeting notes were amended and accepted.
3. Jeff Littleton <http://moosewoodecological.com> asked for the Con Com to meet with the Selectmen and request the shape files so Jeff can do his work. Peter B met with the Selectmen on October \_\_, 2012. They had no problems with releasing the information as long as it was restricted to the general Campbell Pond Area and would only be used for the NRI work.
4. Antrim Wind Energy Project briefly discussed. The Commission's position expressed in August 22, 2012 notes in point #6 answering questions 1-24 and 1-26 has not changed.
5. Campbell Pond access agreement is still in Selectmen's court.
6. Audubon's Phil Brown contacted Peter B regarding a spur trail from Goodhue Hill to Brimstone Corner Road. Rod to contact Jay Cox for formal permission to cross property. Peter B will wait to hear from Rod on this.
7. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) planning in the box. Initial filing due September 20. Discussion led to Peter filing standard \$25 K for Open Space/ Conservation account. Peter to cite Open Space Conservation Plan and Master Plan. Peter contacted Diane Chauncey and filed this year's CIP.
8. **Harris Center** <http://www.harriscenter.org/Programs/programs.htm>

#### Post-Harvest Tour of New Early Successional Habitat on Goodhue Hill

When Sat, December 1, 9am – 1pm

Where Willard Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, Antrim ([map](#))

Description Join Phil Brown (New Hampshire Audubon's Director of Land Management) and Jeremy Turner (Meadow's End Timber Company Forester) for a moderately strenuous, 2- to 3-mile hike up Goodhue Hill. We'll see management activities which include a new 16-acre clearing that restores early successional habitat and brings back great views of Mount Monadnock and the Tuttle Hill-Willard Mountain ridgeline. The newly-created habitat is designed to help the likes of Eastern towhee, chestnut-sided warbler, moose, snowshoe hare and bobcat. Departs at 9 a.m. from the parking lot near the end of Willard Pond Road, off Route 123 north of Hancock Village. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education and New Hampshire Audubon. For more information, call the Harris Center at (603) 525-3394 or contact trip leader Phil Brown at [pbrown@nhaudubon.org](mailto:pbrown@nhaudubon.org).

#### Thursday, December 6

7:00pm

##### Emerging Forest Pests in New Hampshire

When Thu, December 6, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Where Keene State College Science Center (Room 154), Keene ([map](#))

Description Curious about those purple traps hanging from roadside trees over the summer? Want to know how cleaning your swimming pool can help protect our local forests? Wondering what's really growing inside your firewood? Join Steve Roberge, Cheshire County Forester for the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, for an illustrated talk on New Hampshire's "Big Three" emerging forest pest species -- Asian long-horned beetle, emerald ash borer, and hemlock wooly adelgid. Steve will discuss identifying characteristics, signs and symptoms, and control measures for each of these invasive species. He will also present the latest findings from forest pest surveys throughout the Northeast, with special focus on new research (including some innovative citizen science initiatives!) aimed at finding and eliminating these destructive invasive insects before they become established in the Granite State. Co-sponsored by the Harris Center for Conservation Education, the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, and the Keene State College School of Sciences. Free & open to the public. For more information, call (603) 358-2065 or email [thelen@harriscenter.org](mailto:thelen@harriscenter.org).

#### Saturday, December 15

##### Annual Christmas Bird Count

When Saturday, Dec 15, 2012

Where Hancock, Peterborough & surrounding towns ([map](#))

Description Begun locally in 1973 and compiled annually by David Rowell (for the 20th straight year!), this count is part of the world's oldest and largest biological survey and citizen science endeavor, with thousands of participants throughout North America, the Caribbean, and far beyond. You don't need to be an expert to participate and join the fun—which includes getting together after the count to share results and pizza (pass-the-hat). Location for the supper will be announced. For details and to sign up, call Dave at 924-8790.

9. **Monadnock Conservancy:** <http://www.monadnockconservancy.org/index.html>

10. **Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF)** – New Trail head created on US Rte 202 at old garage into McCabe Forest.

**Wetland Permits:** Supplemental Depot Street/ North Bennington Road Permit 2012-0818 in the box. Updated Plans provided.

**Hike:** Rod to function as liaison with the Rec Dept and their hike series **Back Roads & Cellar Holes 2012.**

**Next Meeting:** Tentatively scheduled for **Wednesday, December \_\_, 2012 at 530 pm** in the Town Hall.