

Meeting: Antrim Conservation Commission, January 27, 2021 at 6 pm Zoom meeting.

Attendees: Peter Beblowski '22', Jeremy DeLisle '20', Rod Zwirner-Member-at-Large, Keith Wolsiefer '22' and Linda Bryer '21'

Absent: Ron Cheetham '20' and Frank Gorga '21' Public: Virginia Dickenson

1. Draft December 2020 meeting notes were reviewed and accepted.
2. Jeremy and Ron have been accepted by the selectmen for Conservation Commission term renewals YR 2020 to 2023. They are to contact Diane Chauncey and get re-sworn in so their terms go to 2023.
3. Annual Report was finalized and sent in by due date of January 7
4. Invasives were discussed further. Did everyone get the answers they needed? Information may be found at www.NHBugs.org and <https://www.agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/plant-industry/invasive-plants.htm> Commission members will review several town properties and next meeting we will discuss plans on tackling some of the invasives on town properties and make recommendations for assisting the Town Road crew/agent on others. Several locations are known to be getting out of hand. Peter to write an article on invasive control for the Limrick due in February.
5. **Trails:**
 - a. **Campbell Pond** – Jeremy DeLisle placed additional signs prohibiting motorized vehicles (OHRV- Off Highway Recreational Vehicles) in upper property area (Reily Mtn) where ATV activity has been seen. He indicated also that one sign came off its board by the east side of the dam. It may have blown off in a recent wind storm.
Also, Frank is to contact Student Conservation Association (SCA) again regarding potential trail building around pond & possible loop trail up Reily Mtn. for summer of 2021.
 - b. **Meadow Marsh Trail** – Peter hiked Meadow Marsh Trail several times in the last month and did some minor trail maintenance.
 - c. **Lily Pond Trail** - Peter hiked in January and did some minor trail maintenance (hand clipping and brush pickup). **Hike scheduled January 31 at 1pm wear warm clothes we will hike out on to the pond and check out the heron rookery and if time allows hike up the 'Ledges'.**
 - d. **Hurlin Property** has some substantial trees that need cutting and brush needs mowing. Schedule in winter 2020-2021. Hike: Sunday, January 3 was attended by Peter and Linda and Tod Bryer. A general review was made and determined a more extensive survey of the property needs to be done. Met neighbor (Mike Lemons and he offered to help with trail building/maintenance. Rod also indicated he has contacted Maryann Culinane at Great Brook School and said she was interested in some collaborations for trails & town history. Peter said he would reach out to Maryann. Linda also asked that we work on Hurlin before we start any additional trail projects. Good idea Linda. Also she suggested forming additional 'Friends of __' groups for trail maintenance.
 - e. **Meetinghouse Hill Trail** to the Meetinghouse Hill Cemetery needs to be re-established. Peter has contacted Andrew Robblee re: new trail easement agreement. It is still being negotiated. Peter will revisit after pandemic is resolved.
 - f. **Buttercup Lane Project underway with lead taken by Parks and Rec Department.** Peter is to meet with Isaac Lombard (Parks & Rec Chair) to work out a plan of action.
 - g. Also, need to develop an integrated trail management plan for town and Master Plan. This is to be re-visited after the pandemic is resolved.
 - h. A brief discussion occurred again regarding potentially installing some picture posts along some of our trails. This is to be thought to be a good idea and will be moved forward by Peter & Tod. <https://naturegroupie.org/citizen-science/picture-post> and <https://picturepost.ou.edu/index.jsp>
Some suggestions initially are near the benches at Meadow Marsh and at Lily Pond.
6. **Contookook & North Branch Rivers Local Advisory Committee (CNBRLAC):** Rod says check out the new website <https://www.cnbrlac.org/> . A new member is needed. Rod to get annual report together and send along.
7. **Paddles & Hikes:** – **Lily Pond Hike** January 31 at 1pm wear warm clothes we will hike out on to the pond and check out the heron rookery and if time allows hike up the 'Ledges'. **Also tentative hike**

on February 6 or 7 to Hurlin to discuss approach and hike some of the property, Time & date tbd.

8. **Planning Board:** Peter has been working with the Planning Board on revising the Shoreland Protection Regulations . Regulations put on hold by board till next year.

9. **Intents to Cut**- active

20-017-014T Cronan & Emanuelson, Map 211, Lot 026, Lovern's Mill Rd. (6 of 6 acres cut)

20-017-015T Combs Family Trust, Map 208, Lot 004, Stacey Hill Road (5 of 7.1 acres cut)

20-017-016T Schacht, Map 242, Lot 16, West Street, (45 of 75 acres cut)

20-017-017T Shook, Map 232, Lot 5-01, Smith Road, (14 of 15.7 acres cut)

10. **Workshops & meetings**

Harris Center <https://harriscenter.org/events>

Monadnock Conservancy: <http://www.monadnockconservancy.org>

Next Meeting: February 24, 2021 and time tbd via zoom.