

Meeting: Antrim Conservation Commission, May 2, 2021 at 3 pm meeting at Gregg Lake beach.

Attendees: Peter Beblowski '22', Ron Cheetham '23', Linda Bryer '21', Keith Wolsiefer '22' and Public: none

Absent: Frank Gorga '21' Jeremy DeLisle '23' and Rod Zwirner-Member-at-Large

1. Draft March 2021 meeting notes were reviewed, amended and accepted.
2. Jeremy and Ron have been renewed.
3. Next up for renewal are Linda and Frank. Peter to send a request to the selectmen and Diane, reinstallation should be scheduled in May.
4. **Trails:**
 - a. **Campbell Pond** – In the Fall, we marked a # of Japanese Barberry bushes for removal. On April 11 the commission and friends (7) met and pulled more than 20 small and medium bushes filling 6 large construction bags which were taken & disposed of at the transfer station. Also, We need someone to contact Student Conservation Association (SCA) regarding potential trail building around pond & possible loop trail up Reily Mtn. for summer/fall of 2021. Also please take a look at the NH Fish & game website and guidance regarding “Trails for People & Wildlife.” <https://wildlife.state.nh.us/trails/>
 - b. **Meadow Marsh Trail** – Peter hiked Meadow Marsh Trail. On April 18 we had 6 volunteers pickup and clip branches along the trail and chain saw several trees that came down during recent wind storms.
 - c. **Lily Pond Trail** – Trail map has been finalized and uploaded on www.trailfinder.info we can set a date for a hike to the ledges if you would like: **Date: mid May 16 time tbd.**
 - d. **Hurlin Property** Linda contacted Caleb Platt about brush hogging and he said he would be glad to do it. Jeremy and Griffin have initiated the cleanup of brush and tree branches along the RoW driveway. Mr. Levesque has removed the maple line across the Row as promised. Jeremy has taken the soil sample for pH and fertility analyses. We are awaiting the analyses results.
 - e. **Meetinghouse Hill Trail** to the Meetinghouse Hill Cemetery needs to be re-established. Peter has contacted Andrew Robblee (before the pandemic) re: new trail easement agreement. Peter will revisit after pandemic is resolved.
 - f. Peter has cut templates for the picture post. Peter & Tod are working together on producing several post tops for installation this year. <https://naturegroupie.org/citizen-science/picture-post> and <https://picturepost.ou.edu/index.jsp>
 - g. Peter contacted a potential deed abstracter to document the deeds for conservation commission/town owned properties managed by the Conservation Commission. He is not presently available. Peter to contact another to see about availability.
5. **On Wednesday, April 7** Peter & Linda attended a webinar presentation by Emma Erler, Field Specialist with UNH Cooperative Extension on dealing with invasive plants. This webinar discussed what makes plants invasive, species that are already an issue, and common landscape plants that have the potential to become invasive in the not too distant future. Following the webinar commission members will review several town properties and next meeting we will discuss plans on tackling some of the invasive plants on town properties and work on recommendations for assisting the Town. Several locations are known to be getting out of hand and action is needed to be taken. **Date for review anticipated to be in May/June but tbd**
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. Nothing new to report but meetings are better attended due to zoom.
7. Peter sent an email to the selectmen regarding the early establishment of water levels at Gregg Lake so the loons have the best chance for successful reproduction/nesting this summer. It was well received and the boards have been placed in the dam and the water level is presently stabilizing.
8. **Paddles & Hikes:** Hikes to be coordinated with trail work above....
9. **Planning Board/ ZBA:** Landsite Gravel operation permit renewal on Rte 31 #2021-01-PB due April 12.
Antrim Limited Partnership- lot line adjustment w Michael Ott peter to respond. due May 3...

Blanchette ZBA variance -

10. Intents to Cut- active

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)

20-017-018T La Sala, Map 213, Lots 44,45,46, & 74 and Map214, Lot 19, Rte 31 & Elm Ave, (120 of 121 acres cut).

21-017-01T- Frosch Map 233 Lot 008, Old Hancock Rd., (8 of 16+/- acres cut)

21-017-02T- La Sala, Map 213, Lots 44,45,46, & 74 and Map214, Lot 19, Rte 31 & Elm Ave, (120 of 121 acres cut). This is a new intent for the 2021 Tax Year.

11. Workshops & meetings

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

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

Society for the Protection of NH Forests: <https://forestsociety.org/>

Nature Conservancy: <https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/new-hampshire/contact-us/>

Next Meeting: May 26, 2021 and **time tbd.**