

**Meeting:** Antrim Conservation Commission, August 25, 2022 at 6:30 pm meeting at Town Hall.

**Attendees:** Peter Beblowski '25', Linda Bryer '24', Keith Wolsiefer '25, Jeremy DeLisle '23' and Ron Cheetham '23'

Public: none

**Absent:** Frank Gorga '24', Rod Zwirner-Member-at-Large

1. Public hearing notes were reviewed, amended and accepted
2. Draft June 2022 meeting notes were reviewed, and accepted.
3. No meeting was held in July 2022.

**4. Invasive Plants –Burning Bush removal at Town**

The bushes have been purchased and heeled in at Jeremy's. The road agent Jim Plourde has assured that he will help pull bushes at town hall in the next 2 weeks. We have heard this before and have been waiting for the town's assistance since the end of June. Linda will call Ideal Compost about compost for blueberry bushes. Once pulled. We can plant the blueberry bushes in an evening date to be determined.

5. Soak Up the Rain was a great success at Gregg Lake and Steels Pond on June 28.

**6. Trails:**

- a. **Campbell Pond**- Peter is continuing inventorying the biodiversity at the pond with iNaturalist.

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) has gotten back to us and we are on the preliminary schedule for 2023. A site visit occurred August 18 with SCA & Monadnock Conservancy. All went well. Peter to extend the trail in the northeast corner to avoid brook crossings and to add additional forest habitat viewing. Also, the need for additional Japanese Barberry removal to be accomplished in the fall.

- b. **Meadow Marsh Trail** – Peter is continuing the inventorying the biodiversity with iNaturalist.

- c. **Lily Pond Trail** - Peter is continuing the inventorying the biodiversity with iNaturalist at the pond and along the trail with iNaturalist. Large pine tree on Map 227, Lot 7.1 that blew down needs to be cut up at work day scheduled September 11 at 2pm. We will also review conditions at Hurlin on this date.

- d. **Hurlin Property**- Linda is to contact Caleb Platt about brush hogging and get him to do it after August 1. Mowing the field to keep it open will be the first step.

- e. **Meetinghouse Hill Trail** to the Meetinghouse Hill Cemetery needs to be re-established.

- f. 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.

- g. Several post tops have been made for installation this year.

<https://naturegroupie.org/citizen-science/picture-post> and

<https://picturepost.ou.edu/index.jsp> We need to commit to the project....

7. **iNaturalist** may be accessed at <https://www.inaturalist.org/> Please check out the website. It is very interesting and fun to use. Download the app to your phone and start documenting the natural world around you. For things that are unknown they provide an app for kids called Seek [https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/seek\\_app](https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/seek_app) They both work great. Check them out! Please get back to me if you have concerns or questions.

8. **Hikes and paddles:** Hikes to be coordinated with trail work above....

- a. **Campbell Pond**- in the fall \_\_\_\_\_
- b. **Meadow Marsh** – in fall tbd.
- c. **Lily Pond** - Sept 11 at 2pm
- d. **Gregg Lake** – tbd later in fall. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. **Willard Pond** – tbd later in fall. Peter to do Harris Center & Extension Service hike on September 13. Also planning to go on August 27 Harris Center Hike to the recently acquired HC land along Willard Pond and Weston Roads in Antrim and Hancock.

**9. Planning Board/ ZBA:** nothing at this time

**10. Intents to Cut-** active

- 22-017-01T- Wait, Map 214, Lot 004, Elm Avenue, (18 of 19 +/- acres cut)
- 22-017-02T- Martin, Map 212, Lot 058, Stacey Hill Road, (14 of 16 +/- acres cut)
- 22-017-03T- Greatwood, LLC, Map 235, Lot 014, Craig Rd., (72 of 663.6 +/- acres cut)
- 22-017-04T- Whiting, Map 202, Lot 051, Gibson Mtn Rd., (5 of 15 +/- acres cut)
- 22-017-05T- Poggi, Map 202, Lot 003, Gibson Mtn Rd., (10 of 10 +/- acres cut)
- 22-017-06T- Toumanoff/Hootor Farm, Map 254 Lot 001, Weston Rd., (2 of 6.1 +/- acres cut)
- 22-017-07T- Bernardi, Map 227, Lot 016, North Holt Hill Rd., (14 of 16 +/- acres cut)

**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/>

**NH Association of Conservation Commissions:** <https://www.nhacc.org/>

**Next Meeting:** tentatively September 29, 2022 at 6pm at Town Hall.