

Meeting: Antrim Conservation Commission, December 29, 2022 at 6:00 pm meeting at Town Hall.

Attendees: Peter Beblowski '25', Ron Cheetham '23', Bob Holmes '24', and Rod Zwirner-Member-at-Large
Public: none

Absent: Keith Wolsiefer '25, Jeremy DeLisle '23' and, Linda Bryer '24'

1. Bob Holmes was sworn in this week as a new commission member replacing Frank Gorga.
2. Ideas and plans for next year:
 - a. Linda forwarded that we continue with the invasive plant removals on town properties and continue with care of the blueberry plants at town hall.
 - b. Peter reminded that work will be done this summer formalizing a trail around Campbell Pond.
 - c. Bob Holmes brought up the idea of propagating Ash trees to mitigate the impacts of emerald ash borers. The idea was found in SPNHF Forest Notes.
 - d. It was also suggested that we get out to Lily Pond to walk around and /or see the heron rookery/check out the ledges. It all depends on how much ice we get on the pond and how much snow we get this winter.
 - e. Ron brought up we should re-visit the possibility of Campbell Pond becoming a Town Forest.
3. Annual Report is due January 9. Things to remember: Campbell Pond Trail & SCA, iNaturalist and invasive plant removals.
4. **Trails:**
 - a. **Campbell Pond**- Peter contacted Monadnock Conservancy and they were positive but wanted to know more about placement & location of potential temporary camping area. It is to be determined (tbd) at this time. Peter will also reach out to Steve Lauber about the project. Peter will send a mid-week notice out to members at go out to the pond to scope out the possible trail and check for Japanese Barberry bushes near the northeast corner of the pond. Also a Lidar check should be made.
 - b. **Meadow Marsh Trail** – Peter is continuing the inventorying the biodiversity with iNaturalist and walked the trail. Maps have been placed in the trailhead box. Trail needs to be hiked following the last wind/snow storm.
 - c. **Lily Pond Trail** – Trail needs to be hiked following the last wind/snow storm. Sometime in January we will take a hike to the ledges (before snow) and to the heron rookery after the pond freezes solid.
 - d. **Hurlin Property**- nothing at this time
 - 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 by Tod Bryer.
<https://naturegroupie.org/citizen-science/picture-post> and
<https://picturepost.ou.edu/index.jsp> We need to install this fall....

5. A Request for comment by the ZBA was made on an application for relief of supplemental zoning regarding persons living in a camper on NH Rte 123. Peter to respond by January 9, 2023.
6. **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 They both work great. Check them out! Please get back to me if you have concerns or questions.
7. **Hikes and paddles:** Hikes to be coordinated with trail work above....
 - a. **Campbell Pond**- We will do during mid-week.
 - b. **Meadow Marsh** – tbd. Peter obtained some granite slab for steps through stone wall near road crossing.
 - c. **Lily Pond** - potential hike and one granite slab obtained for rotten log step replacement next year. Time tbd.
 - d. **Gregg Lake** – Town has received monies through ARAPA program for work on the dam.
 - e. Hurlin Property – tbd
8. **Intents to Cut**- active
 - 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)
 - 22-017-09T- Rubin, Map 220, Lot 012, Old Carr Rd., (5.1 of 83.7+/- acres cut)
9. **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/>
10. **Wetland Notices:** 11/28/22 Rubin – Old Carr Road -PBN for Forestry.
 12/14/22 Campbell Family Rev. Trust – Winkleman’s Point Road – Shoreland Impact Permit on Franklin Pierce Lake.
 12/22/22 Curran – 22 Jackman Shores Road – Outstanding Items Requested for Enforcement File- Status request due 12/30/22.

Next Meeting: tentatively **January 26, 2023 at 6 pm at Town Hall.**

Meeting ended at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by Peter Beblowski, Chair
 Antrim Conservation Commission