

Antrim Conservation Commission,

February 25, 2015 at 530 pm at the Town Hall.

Attendees: Peter Beblowski, Keith Wolsiefer, Linda Bryer, Ron Cheetham, Frank Gorga

Absent: Rod Zwirner

1. Notes written for October 2014 meeting were accepted as amended.
2. November 2014 meeting cancelled due to bad weather.
3. December 2014 meeting held but only two showed up so no quorum and no notes.
4. Campbell Pond Phase II partially complete. We are awaiting additional word from Jeff Littleton. Campbell Pond hike and Japanese Barberry removal was a success on November 2. 12 plants were removed and 8 were bagged and placed on a boulder for spring removal.
While out at Campbell Pond on November 2 we observed a small portion of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid infestation on west side of Pond. To read more about this pest go to <http://nhbugs.org/hemlock-woolly-adelgid> In speaking with Monadnock Conservancy biological control may be good to investigate. Predator beetles for control of HWA aren't available commercially. However, the NH Division of Forests and Lands is looking for suitable sites to release predator beetles. They need heavily infested stands that will not be harvested or converted to housing. Peter B contacted the forest health office at 464-3016 and has been in touch with kyle.lombard@dred.state.nh.us
5. NHACC annual meeting Nov 1 at the Laconia Middle School was attended by Peter. He said it was a very interesting and successful meeting. Meeting presentations (powerpoints and Ted Talks are now available at the NHACC web site. Feel free to check them out.
6. We received an inquiry from the Harris Center regarding the grant monies we voted for the project. Galen said he would have it sent. (But he left town soon thereafter.) New TA Donna Hansen tracking it down
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Need to revisit contact Jane Lauber again about possible sale of Campbell Pond access property on Pierce Lake Rd.
8. Our next hike to Harris Center Camp Chenoa Wildland on March 15, 2015.
9. Rod is to arrange for Eric Tenney to mow the Hurlin Property this coming spring/summer.
10. McCabe Forest Trail signs have been updated and look good.
11. Need to get Invasive species poster up at Town Hall & may be some handouts for wall slots.

12. **Emerald Ash Borer** discussed Updates New sites found in Salem and Weare... **Hillsbough County is about to be placed in Federal quarantine.** More info may be found at www.NHBUGS.org Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a non-native insect, EAB lacks predators to keep it in check. Infested trees die within 3 to 5 years. EAB only attacks ash trees, and is responsible for the death of millions of ash trees in the midwest. Help protect New Hampshire's ash trees. A [quarantine of all hardwood firewood, ash wood-products and all ash nursery stock is in effect for Merrimack County.](#)
13. Received a new book notice for Kevin Martin's Big Trees. Linda moved we should buy the book & donate to library. Following discussion the motion was moved 3 yes-0 no (chair did not vote).
14. Antrim Wind Energy has brought a new project to the town. 9 towers instead of 10. It is presently before the Site Evaluation Committee for determination of jurisdiction. More info <http://www.nhsec.nh.gov/>
1. **Harris Center** <http://www.harriscenter.org/Programs/programs.htm>
2. **Monadnock Conservancy:** <http://www.monadnockconservancy.org>

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 530 pm in the Town Hall.