

**Meeting:** Antrim Conservation Commission, October 26, 2016 at 530 pm at the Town Hall.

**Attendees:** Peter Beblowski '19, Keith Wolsiefer '17', Linda Bryer '18', Ron Cheetham '17' and Frank Gorga '18'

**Absent:** Rod Zwirner '19'

1. May and June meeting notes have not been reviewed to be accepted. They are still in draft form. A Commission Bar-B-Que was held on July 3 at Gregg Lake. A kayak was planned but the weather (wind & rainstorm shortened the event). August meeting only 2 members available so it was cancelled. A Conservation Table was manned at Home & Harvest. Several people showed interest with the Open Space Committee. September meeting was cancelled due to illness & people being unavailable.
2. **Campbell Pond** Peter to contact Kyle Lombard to review Hemlock Woolly Aledid outbreak at Campbell Pond. Ron has volunteered to be Con Com contact. More on the HWA as an invasive pest may be found at the NHBUGS web site below.
3. Hurlin Property has been mowed. Peter met with Caleb Platt in July. Property was mowed in September. Peter checked the cut in October & said it looks great!!! The property has some substantial trees that need cutting. We will try to schedule that in the winter. The Platt family made a generous donation of the cut work to the Town. Peter to send a thank you note from the Town via the commission.
4. Peter checked the Lily Pond Trail and it is in need of work and re-blazing.
5. Ron & Peter cleaned the Meadow Marsh Trail of the down trees & some brush.
6. Road work on Brimstone Road. Frank to keep on top of. It seems the rogue road work has been going on again.
7. On October 17, 2016 a request to review and recommend action on a request by the Selectmen RE: potential sale of Map234, Lot 011. The package was reviewed and discussed. The commission said it was advisable to sell as long as the sale was for full market value of the property. Vote was 4 (y) to 0 (no) in favor. Chairman does not vote but only to break a tie. Peter to write a letter to the Selectmen regarding the recommendation.
8. NHACC Annual Meeting is November 12 at Pembroke Academy. No one is available at this time.
9. Selectmen to reinstate the Open Space Committee with 5 members: 1 Selectman 1 con com member + general public. Peter to continue to work on potential members Frank indicated some interest.
10. Brown Bag Collation is a group of town organizations which gather at the grapevine and discuss needs for help &/or event schedules so unnecessary conflicts do not occur. Linda will attend on the Con Comm's behalf when her schedule allows.
11. **Emerald Ash Borer** discussed More info may be found at [www.NHBUGS.org](http://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 Belknap, Hillsborough, Merrimack and Rockingham Counties](#)
12. **Antrim 2020** was held Oct 22. A great time was had by all. One of the potential out comes was a need to better sign & mark town trails. A group of interested citizens are to meet on November 9 to form a committee to take action. Peter will attend.
13. **Wetland Permits-** Permit by Notification was issued to Monadnock Paper for Forestry work.
14. **Intents to Cut-**
15. **A Grant Proposal for Gregg Lake drainage study** was submitted by Joan Gorga on behalf of the Rec committee & the con comm as a participant. More to come forth in the future.
16. Peter met with several citizens and NHDES over the summer regarding vegetation in mill pond. He has to get back to them regarding potential outcomes.

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled for Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 530 pm in the Town Hall.