

**Town of Bennington
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting – April 19, 2012**

Conservation Commission Members Present: John Baybutt, Jon Manley, Josh Stewart, Valerie Germain and guest Peter Beblowski of Antrim Conservation Commission

Agenda

- 1. Approve Minutes**
- 2. Earth Day Clean up**
- 4. Antrim Wind Energy Update from Antrim Conservation Commission**
- 5. Other**

1. Approve Minutes – Minutes from March 15, 2012 meeting were approved as written

2. Earth Day Clean up – Last minute details were discussed. The following people will

be at the VFW on Saturday to facilitate the event: John Baybutt, Jon Manley, Letitia Rice and Michelle Hamm will attend from Monadnock Paper Mills

The following people will supply grills: Chester, Letitia, Josh (if needed)
John will get last minute items: lemonade, paper plates, plastic forks, cheese
Jon will supply: two coolers, ice, coffee

3. Antrim Wind Energy – Peter Beblowski of the Antrim Conservation Commission visited our CC to inform us about the Antrim Wind Energy Project being proposed near the Robb Reservoir. This area includes 1600 acres in conservation which includes a waterfowl conservation area. The proposed windmills are to be located on a ridge to the north of this area and will include Willard Mountain. The current plan proposes 10 windmills, which will be approximately 500 feet tall, and 10 towers are being proposed.

There will be a public hearing on April 30th at the Antrim Elementary School. Peter is inviting us to join the discussion and put forth any concerns we may have as local Conservation Commission members.

4. Other

a) NH Wetland Shoreland Protection rules state there is a 250' setback from water bodies and can extend to ¼ mile. Municipal organizations can write the regulations depending upon the site plan they are reviewing and the area of potential impact.

b) Wetlands Permit Application for the Bridge project on North Bennington Road/Depot Street was reviewed and signed by the chairman

c) Wetlands Permit Application for recertification and re-licensing of dams and power plants were reviewed and signed by the chairman

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Germain
Secretary, Bennington Conservation Commission