

**Town of Bennington
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting – June 21, 2012**

Conservation Commission Members Present: John Baybutt, Jon Manley, Joe MacGregor, Valerie Germain

Agenda

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

1. Approve Minutes – Minutes from April 19th approved as written

2. Earth Day Clean-up – There was no official meeting in May to review the Earth Day Clean-up. The day went well with approximately 48 volunteers showing up to participate and approximately 97 bags of litter were picked up.

3. Antrim Wind Energy Update – Joe and Jon went to the hearing and shared the concerns voiced at the meeting. The height of the proposed wind project is very concerning to many local residents.

4. River Clean up – Tentative scheduled for August 11th with July as an alternative date.

~Rob Zwirner from Antrim Conservation and Brian Beale would like to be notified to join us in a joint river clean up.

~**Action Items:** Joe will contact Rob and Brian and Joe or Jon will take pictures of the event and submit them to the Transcript Ledger

5. Other

a) Spraying was done along the railroad track Joe got a phone call from Dee asking whether we had sprayed. Some phone calls were made and Joe learned that the EPA approved the DOT to spray the herbicide. CC members presents discussed that perhaps we would like to make a no spray request for next year near the river

b) Bruce Edes Forest: Summer Reading Program will be utilizing the Bruce Edes Memorial Forest as part of their Summer Reading Program. There is a nighttime walk in forest scheduled with Suzy from the Harris Center scheduled to take place on Thursday July 7th.

Bridges in the forest have been worked on by volunteers. Joe has acknowledged those who had put the shingles on the bridges.

Jon noted that there were some new species of plants seen in the forest.

c) Joe and Jon walked the land between the Bennington and Antrim wells while doing water testing on the river.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 19, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie Germain
Secretary
Conservation Commission