



**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING**

Wednesday, October 7, 2015 4:30 PM  
Moody Park, Claremont, NH

**INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES IN MOODY PARK**

**MINUTES**

**Approved 10/16/2015**

**I. Roll Call**

**Present:** Gary Dickerman, Stephen Wood, Dianne Harlow, Scott Magnuson, Kim Gogan

**Absent:** Nick Koloski

**Guests:** Mark Brislin, Charlene Lovett

**Presenters:** Dode Glatters, Lionel Chute, Wendy Ward, Matt Tarr

The Commission sponsored a tour of Moody Park to provide information to the public about invasive plant species in general, invasives within the Park, and means for controlling them. Approximately 25 people attended.

The Park ecology is in good shape overall with regard to invasives. The power line right-of-way that runs adjacent to the Park is the greatest threat to the ecology of the park, because the abundant sunlight – maintained through vegetation control by the power company - allows invasives to thrive. Glossy buckthorn, honeysuckle, and Norway maples were present in the right-of-way. It will take vigilance over the next five years to ensure that the open areas created by timber harvesting remain dominated by native plant species.

Invasive species spotted within the Park included the Norway maple, autumn olive, common buckthorn and bittersweet.

The group toured the main corridor of the Park to the top of the hill. In addition to identifying the invasive plants, methods of controlling them were also discussed (pulling, herbicide treatment, and on-site burning).

The tour disbanded at 6:30 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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