

Claremont Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2016
Approved 12/15/2016

Called to Order: 1:40 PM

Present: Lionel Shute, Director , Sullivan County Natural Resources, Lee Stevens, Mark Brislin, Parks and Recreation Director, Doug Cygans, NH Dept. Of Agriculture, Dianne Harlow, Claremont Conservation Commission Chairman, Steve Wood, Conservation Commission, Gary Dickerman, Claremont Conservation Commission Vice Chairman , Scott Magnuson, Conservation Commission Jim Feleen

The group met at Moody Park for a meeting about the invasives under the power lines and how they might affect the Park. The undergrowth under the power lines had recently been cut and there was concern by a citizen that the invasives would transfer to the park.

Lionel Shute explained to the group what the Conservation Commission has done so far about the invasives in the park.

1. Last spring a group of Stevens High School Students came to the park and learned about the Glossy Buckthorn, Norway Maples and Bittersweet that had been previously observed in the park. The group was shown by Lionel how to gird a tree to take away it's ability to absorb nutrients through its roots to the tops of the trees.
2. Steve Wood from the Conservation Commission had removed the Bittersweet at the top of the park and is monitoring it's regrowth.
3. The students were also taught how to do a grid observation to see if they could identify the Glossy Buckthorn in another section of the park.
4. Lionel and the Conservation Commission continue to monitor the invasives in the park and will continue to work on removing them.

It was determined that Green Mountain Power company owns the property under the power lines and was responsible for weed control. The group was unsure as to why the cutting was only done for a short distance. Lee Stevens offered to try find a contact person at Green Mountain Power to see if the Commission could work with them on continuing our fight against the invasives, specifically the Glossy Buckthorn in this area.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:20 PM

Submitted by,

Dianne Harlow, Chairman

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