

Danville Conservation Commission Notes – approved

12/3/17

Attendance:

Nancy Diefenbach, Dick Diefenbach, Dave Houston, Deb Yonker, Julie Grenier

Commission members met at the Rodger Lot Town Forest at 10:00 AM to consider the location and extent of the Knotweed (invasive plant) problem.

Action taken:

- Found small areas of Knotweed surrounding the lower landing area. Below the landing there is a large area of Knotweed, much of which is well established.
- Discussed 3 options for eradication: 1) cutting back 3-4 times a year continuously for 5 years, 2) covering with black plastic, 3) cutting and treating with chemicals.
- Decided it would be possible to create 4 plots to set up an eradication study, making sure the study area will be away from where Keith Gadapee plans to dump road maintenance materials.
- Discussed methods of setting up a scientific study area. Decided 4 square plots of 16.5' per side would work best.
- Proceeded to lay out 2 of the plots with stakes and flagging, starting at GPS location N44o26.572 W072o07.815. These adjacent plots would be designated for cutting and black plastic. A separated plot to the east would be designated for chemical. Another separate area to the west would be the Control plot.
- Drawings of the proposed study plots are available.
- School groups could be involved with treating and/or monitoring the results.

Agenda items not taken up:

- Approval of minutes from 11/6/17 is tabled until next meeting.
- A look at the forest management operations proposed by Matt Langlais deferred to a later date.

Next meeting will be January 8, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Danville Town Hall.