

Danville Conservation Commission Notes (DCC)

Location: Danville Town Hall

10/1/2018

Attendance: Dave Houston, Nancy Diefenbach, Wes Everts, Deb Yonker, Tom Forster, Bridget Ferrin-Smith, Matt Langlais, Keith Gadapee, and Vange Morse.

Meeting Notes:

1. Accepted the minutes of 8/6/2018
2. Eagle Scout project: Tom Forster shared the plan for the Scout project for the proposed outhouse. We suggest the structure is made from cedar or T-111. To fund the Eagle project the scout may request money from DCC. The formal request should be made in writing with a budget by the next meeting in November to fall within this Town budget year.
3. Matt Langlais shared the market status for pulp wood and reviewed the following topics:
 - a. EAB Considerations: See Rodger Lot Forestry Guidelines (stand 3 has 13% Ash species and Stand 4 is 25% Ash population). The original plan was to leave "Stand 4" for natural processes. However, with the large number of Ash trees we are possibly reconsidering the options.
 - b. Options for cutting:
 - i. Cut to Length
 - ii. Whole Tree – Chosen as the best option
 - c. Who will do the cutting?
 - i. Bid vs. negotiation-Unresolved
 - d. Informing the Community:
 - i. Pre-harvest walk and discussion
 - ii. Post-harvest walk (signage)
 - e. Matt will assess and mark trees in the Rodgers Lot Town Forest
 - f. Matt will share the community forest information outreach initiative
4. A discussion ensued and a response drafted regarding the comments and questions received from Kellie Merrill re: Tree Ordinance and EAB Preparedness Plan.
5. DCC members will plan to attend the October 18 meeting of the Selectboard.
6. Regarding invasive species watch, the phragmites is gone from Pumpkin Hill Town Forest but Japanese Honeysuckle was observed. The cutting plot of Knotweed at Rodger Lot Town Forest was cut again in August.
7. The next regular meeting of the DCC will be Monday, Nov. 5 at 7:00 at Town Hall.