

Exeter Conservation Commission Forest Plan
Site Walk

Sept. 15, 2012

Attendees:

Members present included Carlos Guindon, Don Briselden, Virginia Raub, Mike Field, Maggie Matick, Jason Gregoire, Peter Richardson, and Town Natural Resource Planner, Kristen Murphy

The purpose of the walk was to review the timber harvest plan and maps in the field so that all members were could relate the details of the plan with on the ground locations. Carlos led the group in the location of and discussion regarding the presence of invasive plant concentrations at various locations along the access road and gas pipeline. The group continued to the proposed landing site. The approximate boundary between the two silvicultural areas.

The next steps that were identified were:

- Kristen would contact Charlie Moreno to determine
 - if he was still interested in performing as our forester for the task
 - if this year was considered a “mast year” because harvesting was recommended to occur following a “mast year”
 - If he could clarify the contracting process for hiring the forester and the logger.
 - Whether it is necessary to treat the invasives prior to harvest or if treatment could follow afterward
- Kristen would check on the town process for contracting to get an idea of timeline
- Kristen would contact the gas company to determine what their invasive treatment plan would be

Overall the group stressed the need to include proper outreach prior to the harvest and it was stated that there is no urgency to push ahead and harvest without taking the time to ensure that happened.

For the return walk the group split and part of the participants walked the internal trail to view some of the larger trees identified on the plan and the other part returned on the gasline. The walk was concluded at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Murphy
Natural Resource Planner