

## Marlboro Conservation Commission

Minutes for Monday April 6 , 2015

CC Members Attending: Adam Gebb, Dante Corsano, Jim Irish , Charlie Schneeweis

Visitors: Diana Todd

Topics Discussed: Invasive Species and the CC Proposal that the Hogback Lands north of Route 9 could be a nature sanctuary.

### Invasive Species

The CC will be doing roadside surveys to identify areas of concern. They will take place from May to October 2015.

We would like to minimize where possible, species like Japanese Knotweed getting into significant waterways. Since Marlboro is a headwaters area, we have real opportunity to keep waterways pristine.

We will be marking locations with a GPS and creating a digital invasive species map of the town.

We also plan to buy 75 copies of an Invasive Species trifold pamphlet made by the Nature Conservancy. It would be available at the town offices.

### Hogback

We continued discussions about the nature sanctuary proposal.

The horizontal structure of our local forest ecosystem will benefit by having an element that used to be wide spread, namely old growth forest.

There is a long list of reasons why having old growth forests protected on our landscape will greatly benefit future generations and our local ecology.

Our May meeting may be delayed a week so that we can start our town invasives survey. The first week of May might be too early to see anything. An announcement will be made by April 28.

Respectfully Submitted

Adam Gebb