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# CONSERVATION COMMISSION TOWN OF BELMONT, NH

Saturday, October 2, 2021  
Daniel Ladd Property – Ladd Hill Road  
Belmont, New Hampshire

Present: Chairman Scott Rolfe; Members Denise Naiva, Ed Stephenson and Jane Jordan.  
Absent: Vice Chair Terry Threlfall, Jr.; Member Ruth Mooney, Ex-Officio; Student Members Christopher Paré and Ella Irving; Alternate Members Norm Jackson, Pauline Tessier and Susan Irving.

The meeting was called to order at 10 am.

## **Overview:**

The parcel is approximately 35-acres. Walked a portion of the boundary lines, along stonewalls, the bordering field, Ladd Hill Road, and portions of the interior. Upland woods contain good quality hard and soft wood. There was evidence of deer and turkey (droppings, tracks and signs of foraging). Many mushrooms (including chicken of the woods), princess pine moss, club moss, and partridge berry vines. The oak trees along the Ladd Hill Road boundary have massive canopies and are estimated to be about 150 years old. A tree stand was noted. It appears older, and unsure if currently in use.

## **Invasives and Trash:**

A pile of tires and debris was noted just inside the boundary adjacent to the field. A significant amount of bittersweet is along the border of the field, and some glossy buckthorn was observed.

## **Neighbor:**

We met Elaine Bonnette who owns parcels of land across from the Daniel Ladd property. She expressed an interest in conservation easements, and agreed that we send her a copy of Conserving Your Land: Options for New Hampshire Landowners.

## **Actions:**

1. Hire a surveyor to blaze and paint boundaries.
2. Remove tire/trash pile.
3. Consider a forest inventory and harvest.
4. Agreed that at this time, a parking or pull off area is not in keeping with the current property use.
5. Consider treating the bittersweet and glossy buckthorn.
6. Place conservation signage

## **Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 am.

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Respectfully submitted:



Denise Naiva  
Conservation Commission Member