

## June 8th 2017 NCC Conservation Easement Walk on the North River Property

### Notes from walk:

410 pm- present were Paul Miliotis, Krystal Costa, Cheryl Smith, and Deb Kimball. Guests were Celia Abrams and Jon Balanoff.

The purpose of the walk was to share knowledge of the easement and to cooperate in sharing knowledge of the plants, birds, and other life that could be found there. We began the official walk by discussing the pros and cons of linking the easement trail with trail finder. Two of the members were familiar with trail finder. The group then set out on the walk along the trail. The beginning of the trail could use a cut back. The river was quite high and flowing fast.

The following animals were a few of the many observed or heard:

Mammals included: Beaver in river

Birds included mallard, tufted titmouse, red-eyed vireo, chickadee, black and white warbler, veery, ovenbird.

Invertebrates:

Mites on a leaf,

One of 7 species of dragonfly included - Common Basketail, *Epithecya cynosura*

One of the most significant discoveries was a cocoon of a Giant Silk Moth. (*Callosamia promethean*).

Plants: invasive- lots of oriental bittersweet, native green briar also is prevalent along trail

Native plants of interest-

Native- wide variety of ferns- bracken, royal, New York, Lady, Hay scented, Cinnamon, Interrupted

The group visited the memorial bench and noted it was in a perfect location over looking the river.

At approximately 5:45 pm the walk was completed.

Respectfully submitted.

Debra Kimball. Vice Chairperson

These minutes were accepted as corrected at the meeting held on June 12, 2017.