

**Quabbin Reservoir Watershed
Public Tour of Proposed Watershed Forestry Projects
Tuesday, September 30th, 2014
12:30 PM**

Location: Meet at Quabbin Reservation Gate 40 which is located on Route 32A in Petersham, MA 01366.

QWAC Members Present: Elisa Campbell (Sierra Club), Larry Gates (Quabbin Fisherman's Association), Ralph Lapinskas (Public at Large)

DCR Staff Present: Derek Beard, Herm Eck, Justin Gonsor, Lisa Gustavsen, Helen Johnson

Public Attending: Merry Cushing, Lexi Dewey (WSCAC), Bill Fadden (WSCAC)

Tour Start Time: 12:30 PM

The first proposed lot visited is located off of the east side of Mary Tamplin Road in Petersham and consists of 46 acres. This area was last harvested in 1989. The foundation of an old home site is located inside the lot and was visited. No cutting will occur inside the buffer zone that is set to be placed around the foundation.

The second proposed lot visited is located off of the east side of Camel's Hump Road in Petersham and consists of 50 acres. The site was last harvested in 1985. No more than 25% of the lot will ultimately be cut. There was some discussion on regeneration; it can take a solid decade for trees to grow above the deer browse line.

The third proposed lot visited is located near the base of Soapstone Hill in Petersham and consists of 63 acres. A firewood thinning was previously done on the lot in the mid 1960's. It is a very dry site with oak being the principle species.

The final stop on the tour was to Graves Landing which is located near the Quabbin shoreline on the east side of the reservoir in Petersham. This site is not a proposed forestry lot but was visited to view the regeneration that has occurred

since the site was harvested back in 2008. The lot was formerly a red pine stand. Since the harvest there has been vigorous re-growth, especially with the oak species. Two photos of the regeneration are attached at the end of this document.

Tour End Time: 3:45 PM



