

**Perambulation Report**  
**Brookfield/ New Durham Line**  
**Summer 2020**



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## Summary of "Monumental" Walks

July 8<sup>th</sup> – The boundary from Woodman Hill Rd to Copple Crown Village (Stephen Smith's property) marker was walked. We were joined by representatives from Lakes Region Conservation Trust (Conservators for this portion of the boundary); they had knowledge of location of some of the markers. They were using a Gaia program for bounds of their property lot. I was using an app called Easy Trails that also showed the town/county boundary line map. We were able to be certain we were walking on or close to the line. Lakes Region needed to do more boundary flagging for their property so beneficial to both. An historic marker on Woodman Hill Rd was found Point # 2 (see pics). More survey marks were found that followed the GPS lines including a brass marker Point #3 (see pics). This brass marker is not one of the historic markers but matches the description of location of one. We ended the day at the Stephen Smith property. He had knowledge of one of the historic markers that is on his property but it was not located today

July 24<sup>th</sup> – After contacting Stacie and Eugene Pope (Brackett Rd, Wolfeboro) Paul and I were able to locate historic marker Point #1 (see pics) that marks the Brookfield, New Durham, Wolfeboro corner. The landowner Stephen Pope graciously walked us to the marker. He was very appreciative of the fact that he had been contacted as in 2010 someone (Wolfeboro perhaps) had marked the boundary marker with the date and hadn't asked permission to be on his property. Paul and I then continued the walk to Hanson Rd boundary found previously using map program to stay "on the line"

July 29<sup>th</sup> – quite the endeavor – starting from the Stephen Smith property we walked the line through Copple Crown Village, up Copple Crown Mountain twice (coming and going) and ended up where the LRCT participants corner boundary line ended. Flagging of their bound was done on the way and matched up well with previous red survey flags. No historic markers were found. A landowner on Mt. Drive (Mrs. Skinner) was outside on the perambulation thru Copple Crown Village. Her property is one that falls within the previous faulty survey. She and other property owners are well aware that there is a previous discrepancy with the town lines and are anxious for it to be resolved. Attached is a pic and a map of boundary line stake (see Appendix A) near Newport Drive that continues the straight line from Stephen Smith boundary thru part of Copple Crown Village

August 6<sup>th</sup> – Paul Nixon and I returned to Stephen Smith's property and with his assistance located historic marker # 4 (see pics). It lies along the line previously walked on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

August 26<sup>th</sup> – Paul Nixon and I unsuccessfully tried to locate the historic marker in the Joy blueberry field atop Rand Mt.

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> – After contacting the elder Joys and their son Michael it was ascertained we were searching along the wrong stone wall. With further guidance we were able to locate historic marker Point #5 (see pics). We then proceeded to try to locate the end boundary marker marking New Durham, Brookfield and Middleton. We had both searched independently and unsuccessfully twice before. This and marker #1 were the only markers with GPS co-ordinates. The GPS co-ordinates we had took us erroneously to a very heavily logged area.

Oct. 7 – After multiple efforts I was able to contact a Fish and Game surveyor Eric Popseill who knew exactly where the Ellis Hatch boundary was. The last boundary marking the New Durham, Brookfield, Middleton corner, Point #6, was located (see pics).

Notes – An official perambulation has not been done since 1988. The information given to me, particularly with no GPS coordinates, was nowhere near enough to find **any** of the markers. Only by contacting property owners was success achieved. Landowners should always be **officially** contacted even if the land is in current use or conservation. The walk itself is very challenging as much has changed since the original stone wall that marked the line. Much of it is overgrown and involves bushwhacking through heavily wooded, hilly terrain. Perhaps with GPS coordinates, flagging from LRCT and attached pictures, the walk will either never need to be undertaken again or will be much easier. A note on GPS co-ordinates: in heavily wooded areas co-ordinates were sometime taken in a clearing close to the marker to achieve a better signal. Of the original 10 historic markers only 8 were found in 1988 and now we are down to 5 plus the brass marker. No doubt the other original markers are still out there but not readily discoverable and possibly “lost” after 32 years of changes to the landscape

Point #1 – Most easily accessible behind house on Brackett Rd currently owned by Stacey and Eugene Pope.

Point #2—South side of Woodman Hill Rd – clearly marked with LRCT marker on tree – about 150 paces east of Hunt’s Corner.

Point #3 – Following same line and parts of old stone wall (and now LRCT markers), the brass marker will be found at a corner in the stone wall.

Point #4 – Either follow LRCT markers or access behind Stephen Smith’s house – the large monument markings are hard to discern but we have added many small boulders on top.

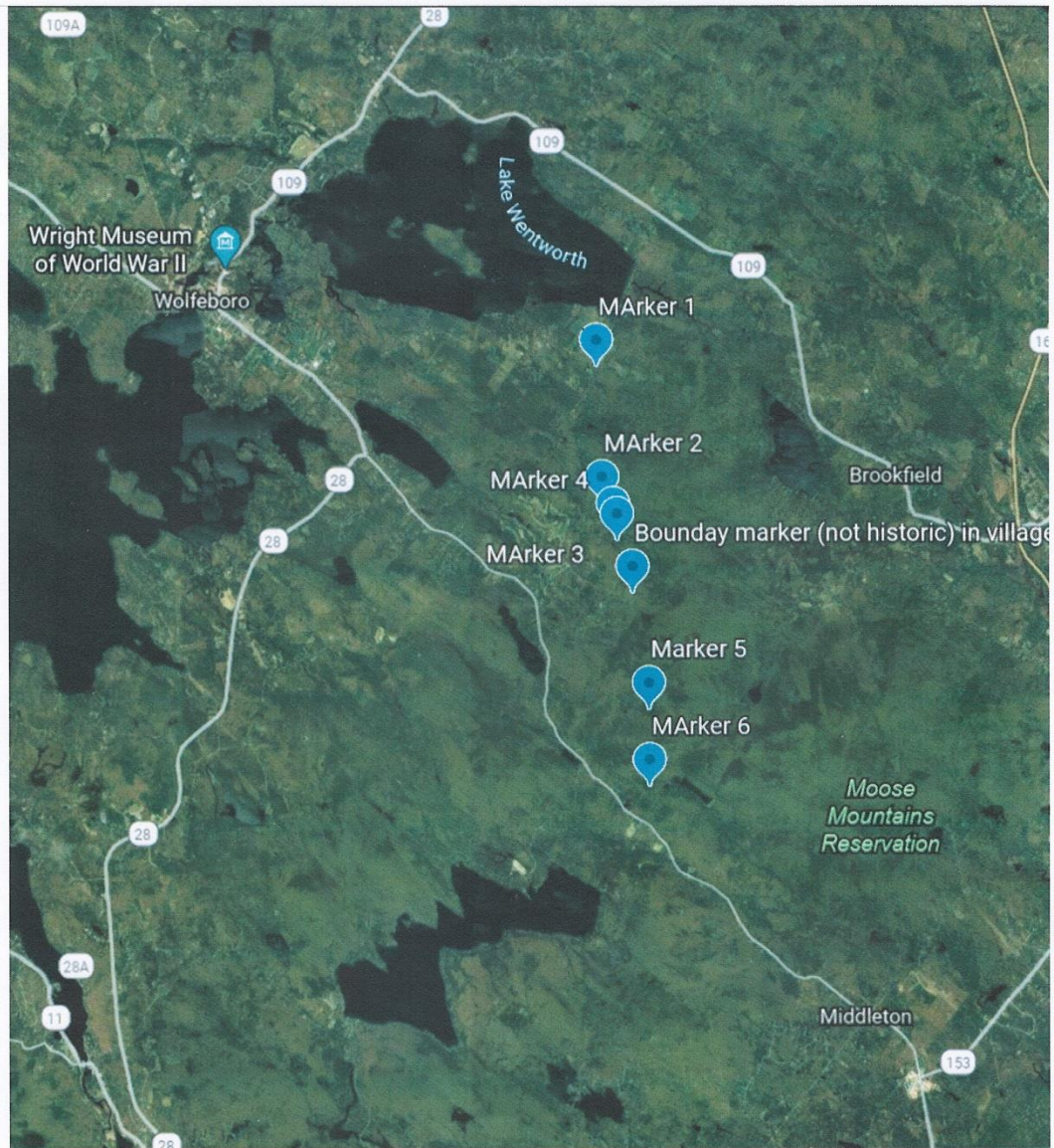
Point #5 – Most easily accessed by accessing inactive Joy family blueberry fields and climbing Rand Mt. There is an access road with a metal gate off of a driveway (off of Kings Highway approximately opposite Lion’s Camp .Rd). Keep climbing to the **top** and marker will be very evident – need to climb well beyond blueberry “camps” and first set of stone walls.

Point #6 – Most easily accessed from the Ellis Hatch Preserve parking lot off of King’s Highway. Park in the lot and walk in until the beaver pond is on your right. Walk around the south end of the pond and then up the East side a short distance. Large boulder clearly marked with smaller stones and currently orange surveyor tape.



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Google Earth



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## Perambulation Report

### Dates and participants

July 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Jennifer McKown,  
Paul Nixon ( New Durham Perambulator)  
David Mallard and Dana Simpson ( LRCT reps)

July 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Jennifer McKown  
Paul Nixon  
Eugene Pope ( landowner for 1<sup>st</sup> marker)

July 29<sup>th</sup> 2020 9 a.m. to 3:30 pm`

Same as July 8<sup>th</sup>

Aug 6 2020 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Jennifer McKown  
Paul Nixon  
Steven Smith ( landowner in Copple Crown Village)

Aug 26, 2020 9 a.m.to 12 p.m.

Jennifer McKown  
Paul Nixon

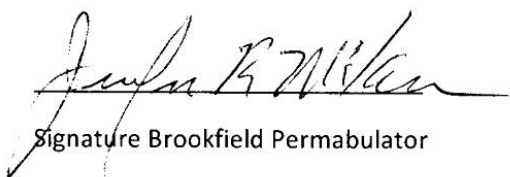
Sept . 1 2020 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Jennifer McKown  
Paul Nixon  
Michael Joy (landowner for marker # )


Oct. 7 2020 9 a.m to 11 a.m.

Jennifer McKown  
Paul Nixon

**Total Hours in field -----27!**



Signature Brookfield Perambulator



Signature New Durham Perambulator



**Point #1** A flat rock about 3' by 5' marks the common bound for Brookfield, New Durham and Wolfeboro. Stone is marked with "B", "ND" and "W" relative to each town's position. It also look like a "C" marked possible for county line on the South side

Co-ordinates P1 is 43 34.387 N 071 07.649 E





Point #2 Stone on south side of Woodman Hill Rd. – marked “B” and “ND” (N reversed), stone has been tipped so no longer oriented properly

Co-ordinates P2 : 43 33.138 N 071 07.348 E





Point #3 South 6 W over Copple Crown Mt to angle in stone wall — historic marker no longer there but brass survey marker found in spot described in earlier reports

Co-ordinates P3: 43 32.765 N 071 07.263 E





Point #4 Continuing South about 6 Degrees west along section of stonewall on what it now Stephen Smith's property

Co-ordinates P4 : P4 is 43 32.654 N 071 07.237 E







Point 5 Stone marker at base of stone wall — upper corner of Joy's blueberry field (atop Rand Mt.) — dates: 1913, 1927, 1934; ND also engraved on this marker

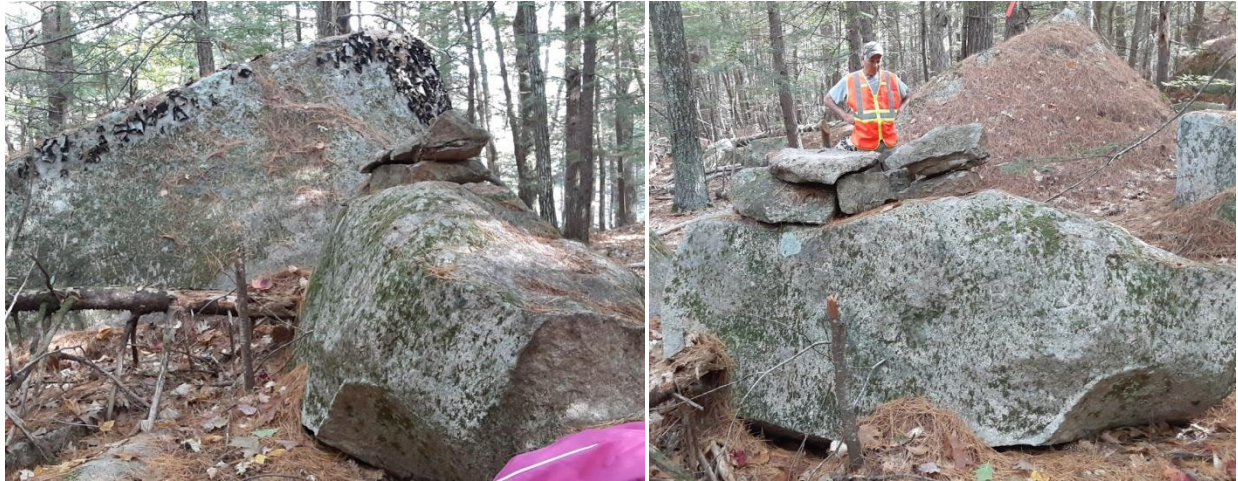
Co-ordinates: P5: 43 31.237 N 071 06.887 E





Point 6 Continuing South 6 degrees West to large boulder with pile of small stones on top marked "M" on southern half and "B" on northern half. Western face has "ND" etched in middle – boundary of the 3 towns. This stone has dates marked but needs to be cleaned

Co-ordinates: 43° 30' 41.9076" N 71° 6' 46.62" E







This marker is in Copple Crown Village – see attached New Durham tax map (Appendix A) with arrow for location.

## Appendix A Faulty New Durham/Brookfield Town Line

