

December 12, 2023 MINUTES

In Attendance: Christine Morrison, Chairperson, John Turner, Co-Chair
Commissioners, Brandon Avery, Samuel Biaggetti, Sadie Saldana Absent

Kim George, Secretary

Property owner, Zachary Polan, Town Farm Road, is present to discuss beavers living in the pond adjacent to his house. Ground is marshy, a 100' dam has been built which abuts a slope. He would like to put in a flow control device. He is trying to be proactive in dealing with the dam which is currently being built and growing. He is working on hiring a trapper. There is a culvert located past his house and could be a safety concern if the dam breaches. If the dam fails water will go down to his house and flood his basement.

He is in the process of getting a trapping license. It is advised that he contact the BOH. There is a procedure in place for cases of emergency. With the amount of rain we've had he could be facing ice dam issues. He will have to find someone to put in a pipe to deal with this. According to the Audubon Border of Dam control, beavers are expanding ponding to multiple ponds.

Mike Toomey, Mike Toomey Real Estate, 82 Ward St. site visit was conducted. Three things; He was instructed to put in more stone to fill in the gully where the rain gutter was installed to handle water runoff. Grass on slope needs to be dealt with - there is more dirt than there is grass at present, and erosion controls need to be adjusted.

Brian Hill, Builder for new lot created at 12 Madbrook Road. Single Family Home new build with a new driveway. There is an intermittent stream crossing ,they are aware of the process of filing an NOI. Upon receipt a hearing date will be scheduled to make the necessary determinations.

Discussion on Art. 97 protection relative to Donovan Road across from Hucks. It specifies the Town of North Brookfield Conservation Commission has authority of that land. Brandon would like to clarify this to determine jurisdiction and that we have authority of enforcement. The deed notates "woodland on Donovan Road gifted to Conservation". The Conservation Commission can oversee a project as permitted in a Board of Selectmen meeting. Currently there is a pile of wood there and an opening at the stone wall that Brandon would like to put back. Signage can also be put in as needed.

Motion is made to adjourn, seconded, so voted unanimously.