

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
July 9, 2012 at 4:00 PM
Site Visit Meeting Notes for 3 Ferson Road, Hanover

In attendance:

Members: Ed Chamberlain (Chair), Michael Mayor (Planning Board Liaison), Doug McIlroy

Alternates: Jim Kennedy

Staff: Vicki Smith **Others:** Barb Hutchings (landowner)

Jim Kennedy recused himself. He is working as a consultant to Barb Hutchings, the landowner.

The Commission walked over to and across the dam to observe the spillway and improvements proposed for both the dam and spillway. These improvements are required by the State Dam Safety Program. Barb pointed out the electric fence she uses to keep the beavers from damming the outflow of the dam. She said that apparently only one huge beaver is in residence and that beaver is not attempting to dam the outflow. A bobcat will be used to remove the debris from the spillway. Commission members questioned whether it was necessary to remove the two cherry trees. Jim will check on this. Ed and Doug discussed with Jim whether relining the existing pipe would allow for enough flow. This is the “least impacting” repair compared to digging up the dam to replace the culvert.

The Commission will consider their impressions of the project at their regular meeting on July 11. Comments might be forwarded to the Zoning Administrator. It is a project which only requires notification to the Zoning Administrator since the dam is an existing legal structure under 702.5 B.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vicki Smith, Scribe