

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town of Upton



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Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 8/12/2015

To: Members of Upton Conservation Commission
CC: Kelly McElreath, Town Clerk
From: Denise Smith, Administrative Assistant

Members Attending:

Chris Scott, Mike Penko, Scott Heim, Tom Jango, Sandy Lajoie, Alan Miano and Marcella Stasa Selby (Agent); Mary Overholt (Associate)

7:05 PM Beavers @ Bridge Trail and Southboro Rd (USF)

- **Bridge Trail** - Emergency Certification Issued; BOH issued permit for pond leveler, breaking or removing dam; 30 days to act on the permits.
- **Southboro Rd** – DCR & Natural Heritage have been contacted about removing dam need to ask if the State (DCR) could remove the dam while doing the work elsewhere in the State Forest. Would save us money if they could have it removed; Chris will check w/ DCR (Jody) and Tom will talk w/ Ruth Callahan too.

7:15 PM 106 Chestnut St - RDA

Brian & Ruth Kemp

- Removal of several white pine trees which are overgrown and squeezing out the hardwoods and blueberries; want to encourage the maples, cedars and blueberries.
- Concerns about the trees growing near the house.
- Will use a lift to remove 3 stands of trees; will also be thinning some trees; No stump grinding, will rake-up the debris; they are not going to be replanting will allow the land to naturalize w/ what is already growing.
- Ponds are man-made but do have fish in them; not vernal pools.
- Selby requested they file an RDA do to the number of trees they are removing and the proximity to those ponds; Recommend a Neg. #3 be issued.
- Hearing closed.
- Motion to issue a Neg. #3 – 2nd and Approved.

7:25 PM Crosswinds & Rockwood Meadow Documents

- Motion to sign Declaration of Restriction for Crosswinds – 2nd & Approved; Mike Penko abstained from vote.
- Motion to sign Conservation Restriction & Easement Deed for Rockwood Meadow – 2nd & Approved. *[Atty Greenwald showed up after Commission signed the documents – we will hold the signed docs and give them to the BOS in the morning; they will contact him once confirmation from Town Counsel is received]*

7:30 PM Agent's Report

- Per submitted report dated 7/23/15 – 8/12/15.

