



Town of Boylston

Conservation Commission

221 Main Street
Boylston, MA 01505

Site Visit Minutes – 28 March, 2023: 25 Ethan Allen Drive

Members Present: Ron Aspero, Joe McGrath

A visit was made at 3PM to the above location to address a Beaver Issue in an area behind this location. The visit was attended by Mr. Mike Kewley, the property owner, Seth Ridinger, Selectman, April Steward, Town Administrator, Steve Mero, Superintendent, Highway Department, Dennis Costello, Board of Health Agent, and Michael Morelli, Mass Wildlife.

There was a large pondage area behind Mr. Kewley's house, with two beaver dams located at the North end of the area on private property. It was observed that the stream that exits the pondage, and it restricted by the beaver activity, proceeds under Stiles Road and Linden Street and then leads to the Haven and becomes French Brook. Mr. Mero said that there were additional beavers near Stiles Road that continually block the culvert under Stiles Road. He stated that DPW personnel have to monitor the culvert on a daily basis.

Mr. Morelli described the current process for beaver management. After viewing the site, he remarked that he did not feel the situation was a public health hazard. He also indicated that any action would have to be taken by the landowner where the dams were located. Joe McGrath mentioned that any action to remove the dam would require filing under the Wetlands Protection Act.

Discussion continued between the landowner and town officials. Commissioners left the site visit at 3:45PM.