

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

March 10th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Bob Boynton, Chairman, David McTigue, Matt Oliveira, Kleta Dudley, Karen Miller and Susan Mallett, Secretary Also attending was Lou Alvarez

ABSENT: Michael Barar, Jack Messe

The meeting was called to order via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. The Covid-19 Right to Know Checklist is required to be read prior to acceptance into the meeting

Veague-Krauss property:

Lou Alvarez attended this evening as he had an interest in Wildlife Corridors.

Bob shared a map and explained who owned the properties in that are surrounding the old Veague-Krauss property and the nearby Class A trails.

After talking with lawyers, Bob noted that he is convinced only logging and agricultural vehicles are allowed to cross the trail from one property to another. However, driving parallel with the trail is forbidden under any circumstances with any type of vehicle.

Regarding Lehtonen properties, it is 2 separate 44 acre lots, divided by Whirlpool trail, a class A trail. It would be possible to build on the western most lot but the easterly lot is 'landlocked' and not accessible by a driveable road. Rumor is that he would like to put at least 55 homes on the 44 acre lot. The Planning Board has noted that a landlocked property cannot be used in development.

Bob noted that Woody Meisner had some adverse possession due to cutting over 20 years. As a result of this the price for property was cut by \$30K by Lehtonen.

Initially Whirlpool was a Class 6 road, the state can make it Class A or B

Lou asked if the trail can be widened if a Class A or B road, to be a wildlife corridor.

Bob noted no rules locally for wildlife corridors. Also that it would be different based on the wildlife you are referencing. Based on size of the animals and their home range. For instance Salamanders and squirrels would need less space than say, moose and bear would need more area. His concern is that IF they build, that path may not be wide enough.

The trail is 2 rod (33 feet)

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Mallett