

**ROXBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF AUGUST 09, 2023**  
**4:00PM – 5:05PM**  
**12A WETLANDS**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chair Rene Bouchard and Road Commissioner Dave McShane  
STAFF PRESENT: None  
PUBLIC PRESENT: Tyler Brown, Wildlife Specialist - ANR Dept. of Fish & Wildlife,  
Ramsey Hoehn, Norbert Auger, Vinny Murawski – Windridge Camp,  
Ed Dickinson, Jerry D’Amico, John Aberth, Alyce Poalillo, Gerri Huck, Ben Pincus,  
Sean Cummings & Yelena Synkova & Family, Matt & Tracy Fuller (portion), Tom  
Frazier (portion)

**1. Call meeting to order: 4:00pm**

**2. Discussion Points**

It was mentioned that the purpose of the meeting was to have Tyler observe and analyze the situation the Town is facing with high water due to beaver activity.

There were short discussions around merits of trapping, devices to use and damage being done to property along 12A.

Tyler explained a Beaver Baffle is a tube inserted into a beaver dam to allow the water levels behind the dam to drop and be maintained without alerting them. He also said an Exclusionary Fence is a multi-sided fence built around both sides of a culvert allowing for water to flow unimpeded. Both of these devices require periodic maintenance to function as designed.

Ed Dickinson reported he has continued water in his basement, that his foundation is cracking and that other homes along 12A have water in their basements too. In a conversation had with one couple it was disclosed they are running two sump pumps 24x7 to try and keep water levels low in their basement so their furnace can function.

The group made it’s way to the twin-box culvert & sediment basins located across from Windridge on 12A. Here we observed that the water levels on the 6’ tall twin-box culvert openings left only 1’-2’ of open space. In addition, Dave pointed out that the culvert pipe under 12A from the camp is currently underwater, therefore the pipe is not draining the east side of the road. Dave further reported that both VTrans and the railroad have been notified.

From there, the group made it’s way along 12A and to the west to observe the box culvert from above on both the east and west side of the tracks. Next step conversations there led to an agreement that Ramsey Hoehn & Rene Bouchard would conduct a drone survey in the Fall. Tyler recommended doing this after the leaves were gone as that would give us the best opportunity at spotting beaver dams. Jerry D’Amico reported that he believes we will see dams behind the Larcombe’s log home, behind the Chamberlin’s property and then another one about 50-100

yards to the south from there. In addition, it is believed there are perhaps at least two dams south of the Village.

The group then returned to the parking lot where it was agreed that Dave, Rene, Jerry and Tyler would drive up 12A to bridge 27 to observe the situation there. Ed Dickinson came along too.

At the Bridge 27 stop, we observed that there is an estimated 3'-4' of water being held back from underwater debris lodged up against the west side of the railroad trestle on the west side of 12A. Water levels on the east side exit of the 12A bridge were observed to also be elevated and thought to be in that state from a beaver dam located out-of-sight and to the east of 12A.

### **3. Action Items**

- a) Tyler to send the Town his recommendations in the coming weeks
- b) Ramsey Hoehn & Rene Bouchard will conduct a drone survey in the Fall once the leaves are down
- c) After the survey we will speak again with Tyler on what the drone reveals and next steps

### **4. Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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Rene Bouchard, Selectman  
Approved on August 21, 2023