

MINUTES

ROOSEVELT FOREST COMMISSION MEETING WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016 AT THE STRATFORD TOWN HALL AT 6:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Bob David; Chairman, Pete Mariconda; Vice Chairman, Chuck Emerson, Bob Ford, Jim Brown, Ellen Scerba-Carey, Frank Bevacqua, Tina Manus, 10th District, Town Council, Allen Llewelyn, District 9 ~ Town Council, Elaine Watson

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bob David, Pete Mariconda, Frank Bevacqua, Ellen Scerba-Carey, Elaine Watson, Bob Ford, Allen Llewelyn, District 9 ~ Town Council, Chuck Emerson, Tina Manus, 10th District Town Council

GUESTS:

Tina Baloth, Conservation Commissioner
Tom Logan, Wild Things, Wildlife Removal
Steve Politica, Stratford Resident
Larry Cicerelli, Director, Public Safety

CALL TO ORDER: 6: 04 P.M by Bob David, Chairman

SUBJECT: Beaver Problem at Roosevelt Forest

Tom Logan, who is a licensed trapper from Wild Things explained to the committee and guests of the committee about the beaver traps and how they work. He also handed out some hand-outs that explained some general information about Beavers.

He also stated that it is “most likely that it is 2 beavers that are building this dam a creating the flooding issues.

He also stated that the dam can be breached many times, and beavers will re-build the dam, larger and stronger, they can do this overnight.

Tom was also asked if the Beavers can live in the trap, he stated no they cannot.

Frank stated that we were at the Forest on Tuesday and the dam was approximately 30% breached. We are not sure how this happened. It could have happened naturally from all the recent rain and snow.

Larry Cicerelli stated that the last time the public works department breached the dam was on January 10, 2016. In the past only minor breaches were done.

At the last meeting the commission asked if the public works department can breach the dam significantly. This was not done.

It was decided that public works department will breach the dam significantly over 4 days. We will see if this will get the Beavers to move, if this does not work, further action will be discussed.

Tom Logan also advised the committee that if trapping takes place after March 31st it will require state permits to do so. This should not be a problem to get the permits.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:19 pm. By Tina Manus and seconded by Frank Bevacqua.