

Danville Conservation Commission Notes (DCC)

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

11/2/2020

Attendance: Vange Morse, Dave Houston, Deb Bixby, Barbara Huibregtse, Brian Henderson

1. Approved meeting notes for October 5th
2. Spoke about how and when to get our notice published in the Caledonian Record and the Northstar. Barb and Brian said the 15th of November is the deadline for Northstar. Vange will do facebook and FPF, town website. Barb will post in Newspapers and Deb will post on bulletin boards, and we will shoot for beginning of December for all the notices to go out. Notice will read as follows:

As part of the Town Forest Management Plan, the Danville Conservation Committee announces the upcoming timber harvest (logging) to occur in Rodgers lot (the Stump Dump off Bruce Badger Memorial Hwy) this winter, beginning once the ground is adequately frozen. The harvest should be completed by the end of this winter but the deadline is 2022. For your safety we ask that you don't recreate (hike, picnic, snowshoe, snowmobile, hunt, etc.) in the Town Forest during the harvest operations when they occur. Timing of operations will be announced once confirmed. Signs will be posted by the road and VAST trails as a reminder. If you are interested in reading the Rogers Lot Town Forest Management Plan please visit the Conservation Commission Webpage off the Danville Town website at: <https://www.danvillevermont.org/administration/conservation-commission/> As the date of harvest approaches more information and announcements will be forthcoming and will also be updated on the Danville Conservation Facebook page.

3. Is Matt going to be the point person for the logging operation to keep us in the loop? Dave believes so, but Vange will check with Matt and with Audrey. Brian suggests that we make sure there is a line of communication between us and Matt as to when the logging is going to be going on.

Keith wants to know if the logger wants us to close off the town forest entirely or not. Deb suggests that for safety sake we should ask the select board to close off access to the town forest during the operations and what that timeframe is. Vange will talk to Matt to determine if they want it closed. December 15th the VAST trials open.

4. Parking lot and Pumpkin Hill. We need to ask the select board if we can use the town resources to upgrade the pumpkin hill town road. It is a Class 4 road to Pumpkin Hill but we will still need to ask the Select board. Although right now the access road is pretty bad, we think asking them in the spring or early summer might be best. We could also bring up the mowing situation at that time. As far as the parking lot, we will also need to ask the Select board if we can use the town resources to build the parking lot in Rogers Lot, and how they would like that handled financially or otherwise.

5. Other business: Deb mentioned that there was talk of turning the water Andric road into a trail instead of a class 4 road and that they were going to ask the commission about it. Guess we will wait and see.

Next meeting: December 7th.

