

Town of Northwood
Conservation Commission Site Walk Minutes
May 10, 2023
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Site Walk to Upper and Lower Camp Road and the School Lot Town Forest
(Map 244, Lot 42)

Members of the Commission met at 9:00 am at Woodman Park on Lucas Pond Road

Present: Chair Grace Levergood, Vice-Chair Wini Young, Tom Chase, Grace Mattern, Priscilla Merrill, and Michael Romano

Town Staff: Land Use Administrative Assistant Lisa Weaver

The site walk began at 9 a.m. as the group walked along Lucas Pond Road and turned down Upper Camp Road. We saw the recently sold property, lots 43 and 44 (Tax Map 244) and noted the old access road to the town forest. It was noted that the new owners will upgrade that short section of road to Class V standards in order to build on the lots. The road was measured in one location and found to be about 13 feet wide. The original plan #10699 shows a width of 60 feet. There were large trees along the road which may mark the boundary of the town land. It was noted that the road is owned by the residents of Upper and Lower Camp Road but the town owns the land under the road, which obviously extends beyond the actual roads. The actual road varies in width and would be very narrow for logging trucks to navigate.

The surveyors from Franklin Associates drove by, then came back, as they were looking for a place to park. We explained that we were members of the Northwood Conservation Commission and told them that the opening between lots 67 and 68 (Tax Map 125) belonged to the town and they could park there.

Ms. Young expressed the Commission's wish to walk the surveyed line with a surveyor to mark the line (indicated on a map previously sent to Bryan Comeau) with paint when they are done.

Members walked to the opening where Bryan Comeau would direct logging trucks to enter the town forest. A measurement was taken at the opening, which should be about 100 feet wide (according to plan D-10699). It appears that buildings belonging to the owners of lot 67 (Tax Map 125) are encroaching onto the town's land.

Members continued to walk along that opening then southwest along an old woods road that is southeast of the privately owned lots and near the borders the town owned lots 69-73 (Tax Map 125). Brush has been piled on the town land; however, there was not much trash. The boundary of the lots on Lower Camp, where there could be some encroachment were not walked.

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We believe that we found the access between lots 73, 63 and 64 (Tax Map 125), which goes from the woods road to Lower Camp Road. Green blazes were found on some of the trees.

The walk continued southwest along the woods road and down what looked to be the access road between lots 74 and 73 (Tax Map 125); it ended up being the driveway of lot 75 (103 Lower Camp Road). The walk continued northeast on Lower Camp Road and back to Woodman Park.

The walk ended at 10:45 a.m.

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