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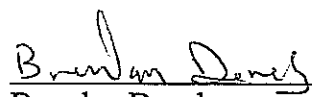
***Non-Public Minutes-2
Selectboard
Monday, April 4, 2022***

Selectboard members present: Eddie Arnold, Brendan Denehy, Dana Ketchen, Steve Russo, and Ed Perry along with Town Administrator Tad Putney. Also present: Conservation Commission members Tom Rogers and Buddy Dougherty.

Wallace Brook Beaver Dam

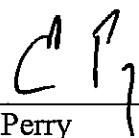
Tom said he was on point to help **Mike** with beaver deceiver devices, but that was really it. There was discussion of the cease and desist letter **Drew Kellner** sent to the **Spaders** and it was agreed **Tad** would forward it to **Tom** and **Buddy**, so they would know if it was sent from the Conservation Commission or Selectboard. **Tom** said the public input from tonight was just not true and he will push back on the comments at next week's Conservation Commission meeting. **Ed** said they shouldn't be able to mess with Conservation Commission property. **Tom** said they can't. **Dana** said the **Spaders** asked to be put on the Selectboard agenda and we suggested they address this in public input. **Dana** said the Board agreed this was a public safety risk. **Eddie** said the Board gave the go ahead for Public Works to work with the Conservation Commission. **Ed** said who is liable if there is a flood from the dam. **Tom** said he estimated there was 35-45 million gallons of water being held back by the first dam. He said both dams were taken down responsibly. He said just because the beaver's dam made it into a pond doesn't mean it is supposed to remain a pond. **Buddy** said Wallace Brook was built in the late 1980's and before the road went in there was just a brook there. He said the beavers came about five years later and it changed. **Tom** said **Mike** did nothing wrong, he carried out what the original plan was, and it would have been fine had it not been for the second dam springing up suddenly. **Dana** asked **Tad** to make sure the culverts are removed from the side of the road. **Tad** asked **Tom** and **Buddy** if the best approach now is to remove the remnants of the second dam, so it is as a brook and, if beaver activity returns, then place deceiver devices. **Buddy** and **Tom** agreed. Minutes submitted by Sharon Sturtevant.


Eddie Arnold


Brendan Denehy


Dana Ketchen


Steve Russo


Ed Perry