

Minutes – Tuesday, August 9, 2016
Town of Hancock Conservation Commission

Present: Roberta LaPlante, Nina Pollock, Harry Pollock, Jim Musarra, JP Bernier, Lynn Goodridge, Erik Spitzbarth, Tom Shevenell, Dick Warner

The meeting was called to order at 6:40.

Chair called a meeting of the conservation commission to hear from Dick Warner and Tom Shevenell who have been monitoring the water level at Norway Pond and how the possible tampering of beaver dams from the ponds outlet and down further on Moose Brook may be contributing to its lower levels. Dick Warner, has, for many years been collecting the water samples for the Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP). The lower levels have been exacerbated additionally by the dry and hot conditions this summer. Dick's findings are attached to these minutes in a report from April to August 8, 2016.

The commission's concern was what to do if anything. Roberta will follow up with Fish and Game's Lieutenant Murphy to be advised about posting a notice at the beaver dams. According to state law: beaver dams may only be breached by the property owner or the municipality under certain circumstances.

There was discussion about the inlet and outlet's proximity being too close. Tom Shevenell, who is doing some research on the pond, explained that the pond is fed by ground water in addition to Moose Brook.

Also discussed was the impact of the Carpenter's Marsh dam. The Department of Environmental Services (DES) controls the dam. Roberta will make a call to inquire.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.