

Flint Hill Conservation Issues

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Hello Jan and Conservation Committee members.

I wanted to touch base with you regarding information and concerns that came to me today regarding the Flint Hill property that my wife and I deeded to the Town this past year.

Today I drove by the property and was disturbed to find two vehicles with Massachusetts plates parked in and on the Private Road, Adela Drive. The first was a truck parked in front of the gate barrier which has relocated at the turn of Adela Drive (as per the approved plan and our agreement). The second was a passenger car being parked on the Private Way by a female who was unloading a large backpack from her trunk. I questioned why she was there, "Part of a surveying crew?" to which she responded, "No, I'm a rock collector". I informed her that it was a private road with no parking allowed and that mining or taking minerals was illegal. She argued that she had to park there because a sign on the gate says 3 cars can park there but a large truck had used all the space. She ignored me then headed up the driveway with her backpack.

I spoke afterwards with the current owner of the Flint Hill development and Frank stated that his construction crews had reported similar activity over the past few months and that there is a ever enlarging excavation pit growing out back.

There are five main issues including information that you may not be aware of.

- **Missing Sign:** As the Town has not put up the Conservation area map/sign at the junction of Norris Farms Road and Sherburne Drive there are people driving up the Private Road, Adela Drive, and parking on it and the restricted area. Further, without the sign designating parking for the Recreational Area is at the end of Sherburne Drive and listing what are the allowed activities it is causing an attractive nuisance on our property.
- **Improper Sign:** The Town has placed a Covid Parking sign upon the relocated barrier gate stating that 3 car parking IS allowed in this area, all in contradiction to our approved plan and our understanding with the Town which only allows pedestrian traffic along the side of Adela Drive. Whomever put that up was in violation of our agreement. If however the Town does want to allow such traffic, our agreement does allow the Town to open Adela Drive to the public but only upon assuming maintenance and responsibility for the driveway/road and filing the appropriate documents.
- **Mining of Conservation Property:** Our agreement with the Town and the terms of the deed for the 4.08 acres including Flint Hill allows only passive recreational use. Contrary to that there are currently, and have been people (with Massachusetts plates) previously, mining and extracting minerals from the property which we deeded the Town. Further, I learned today a complaint was already filed with the Town over a month ago but no enforcement action taken.
- **Deficient Flint Hill Website Information:** In reviewing the Town Conservation Website and the information on the Flint Hill Area I see no updates to the site nor any listing of allowed or prohibited uses nor clear delineation of the appropriate parking area.
- **Social Media/Google Listing Misinformation, photos and videos:** While searching the Raymond Conservation website and specifically the "Flint Hill", "Updated Aug 2020", Comments, photographs and a video pop up showing the crystal formations on the site we deeded to the Town. Any Google search

for the Flint Hill Conservation Area brings up the same thing. This explains why professional rock hounds from Massachusetts are swarming the property currently. This needs to be addresses with Google as it is encouraging trespass and destruction on property.

I would appreciate immediate action be taken to cease both the vehicular traffic and parking on the Private Road, enforcement by the police of the no mining provision, updating both the Town and Google Websites and the removal of the Covid Parking Sign on Adela Drive.

Please give me a call to discuss this matter at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

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