

The KRA held a listening session about the Big Woods project, especially the deer fence, on Friday, February 10, 2023. Approximately 50 Kendal residents attended the meeting. Those in attendance were invited to share any questions or comments, particularly about the deer fence. Questions and comments are below. As it became clear that all in attendance were very much in favor of the fence, facilitator Gretchen Wright asked the group to raise hands if they were in favor of the fence. All hands were raised. A moment later, when we realized that the sense of the meeting was so clear, there was loud applause.

Questions

- Rumor has it that the objections to the fence are from Crosslands residents. What are the objections? (This question was answered at the end by Ruth Greenberger and George Alexander.)
- We cull deer with bow and arrow hunts. Shotguns are more effective. Have we considered that? What does Longwood do?
- How much has the KCC board done to help the natural lands survive? Since 1993 we have not had to pay tax on a 60-acre portion of the campus because we have had an easement (available on our digital archives) which states that we will preserve and protect and advance the land in return for not paying taxes on that portion.
- Do we take the fence down every 5 years?
- Why are we letting a few residents hold up this project? (Ruth's response – at this point we are trying for one last time to make sure that all voices are heard before proceeding.)

Comments

- Professional expert residents have presented information for a long time about these issues but the response has been delayed.
- This is a moral issue. Kendal is responsible for the spray fields and other woods issues. It is our responsibility to do the fence now. And it should not be paid for by fundraising since it is an ongoing responsibility.
- We need to be sensitive to the fact that this fence isn't just for us but really for the future. It is important for Marketing and for the quality of life of future residents.
- Our goal is to manage the forest so it thrives.