



# Town of Wales Conservation Commission

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## Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2023

Present: *Jennifer Bothwell (Jennifer B.) – Commission Member, Zachery Berry (Zach B.)-Chair - Commission Member, Tom Brown (Tom B.)-Commission Member, Sarah Ryan (Sarah R.), -Clerk*

Members Not Present: Joanie D'Ambrosia

Public Present: Wildred Anair Jr., Linda and Joe Trolio, Paola and Matt Tierinni

ZB opened the public meeting at 6:00 pm.

Minutes to be approved: 8/03/23

Motion 092123-01 by Jennifer B. to approve the 8/3/2023 meeting minutes with edits, Seconded by Tom B., no discussion, all in favor.

Roll Call Vote:	Jennifer Bothwell	Y
	Joanie D'Ambrosia	Not Present
	Zachery Berry	Y
	Tom Brown	Y

New Business:

**\*\*Agenda Item: 35 Shore Dr.-Dock Permitting**

DEP asked the commission to follow up on a complaint/concern made to DEP regarding the newly build deck and dock permitting at 35 Shore Dr. After reviewing the file for this add, the commission confirmed that the owners, Linda and Joe Trolio completed necessary permitting for the site work on their property, including the construction of a deck. In addition, they obtained waterways permit for the dock on site. The commission feels that the owners have done their due diligence in filing the required applications for the work done on site. The commission will follow up with DEP.

Public Hearings:

**\*\*Agenda Item: 19 Shore Dr.- NOI-Matt and Paola Tierinni**

**Zachery B.** opened the public hearing at 6:11pm for the Notice of Intent, 19 Shore Dr, DEP File # WE 314-0180.

The commission reviewed comments from DEP regarding the NOI filing. Since DEP recommended that the tree is not removed unless it poses a safety issue or the tree is dying, the commission requested that the applicants have a licensed arborist give an opinion on the condition of the tree. The applicant explained some of the proposed work listed. Run off from the current driveway is a concern and the applicants proposed installing a water infiltration trench at the base of the driveway to help slow runoff. In order for the commission to make a decision on this application, the commission requested a new site plan. The plans need to show the existing conditions with measurements/distances to water line, along with proposed changes showing measurements/distance to water and showing the placement of proposed erosion controls. The commission agreed to close the public hearing for this application. The Notice of Intent with conditions will be ratified at the next commission's meeting scheduled to meet on October 19, 2023, if the applicant provides the requested information prior to the meeting.

**Motion 092123-02 by Jennifer B. to close the public hearing for the Notice of Intent, DEP File # WE 314-0180, 19 Shore Dr. at 7:14 pm, Seconded by Tom B., no discussion, all in favor.**

Roll Call Vote:	Jennifer Bothwell	Y
	Joanie D'Ambrosia	Not Present
	Zachery Berry	Y
	Tom Brown	Y

**\*\*Agenda Item: 199 Stafford Rd.-NOI**

Zachery B. opened the public hearing at 7:31 pm. However, the clerk had reached out to Tighe and Bond a week prior to the scheduled commission meeting, no confirmation of a request of continuance was received. As a one-time courtesy the commission continued the public hearing to the following month's meeting, October 19, 2023. If the commission does not receive a reply from the applicant prior to that meeting, the public hearing will be closed.

**Motion 092123-03 by Jennifer B. to continue the public hearing for a Notice of Intent, 199 Stafford Rd. DEP File # WE 314-0179 to October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Seconded by Tom B., no discussion, all in favor.**

Roll Call Vote:	Jennifer Bothwell	Y
	Joanie D'Ambrosia	Not Present
	Zachery Berry	Y
	Tom Brown	Y

**New Business:**

**\*\*Agenda Item: 40 A Hollow Rd.- Lori & Claude Whiteman-Enforcement Order/Wetland Delineation mapping**

The commission is awaiting a detailed description of the restorative work completed on the property. The commission cannot act on the Enforcement Order until they are in receipt of this report.

**\*\*Agenda Item: 30 Peck Rd.-Beaver Solutions-Emergency Permit**

The commission conducted a site visit on September 7, 2023, with Norcross Land Management. No beaver removal will take place. Beaver guards (pipe and fencing) will be placed in the pond area around the culvert.

**\*\*Agenda Item: 33 Barney Rd.**

DEP can only enforce against people's actions within a resource area. Cows roaming without fencing, allowing them to defecate near or in wetlands is an issue of public health and safety, which should be handled by the Board of Health. The commission would like an update from the Town of Wales Animal Control and Board of Health regarding this property. A future site visit from a public way will be conducted.

**\*\*Agenda Item: 35 Sizer Dr-FCP**

The commission reviewed the Forest Cutting Plan for 35 Sizer Dr. The commission would like a site to visit to review the proposed crossing areas wetland and stream.

**Other Business:**

Tom Brown needs to resign from the conservation commission due to personal reasons, the clerk requested that his resignation be submitted in writing.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.**

**Next meeting is October 19, 2023, 6pm at the Wales Senior Center.**