



# Town of Wales Conservation Commission

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## Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2022

**Present:** Robert Herbert (**Rob H.**) – *Chair*, Norma Thompson (**Norma T.**) – *Commission Member-Virtual*, Hugh Brower (**Hugh B.**) – *Commission Member-Virtual*, Sarah Ryan (**Sarah R.**) – *Clerk* -

**Public Present:** *In Person:* Andre Cormier, Glenn Krevosky, Eric Pearson, Ethan Pearson

*Virtual Attendance:* Cindy Boucher, Pam Leduc, Liz Dickinson

**Robert H.** opens the public meeting at 6:02PM.

### **Minutes to be approved: 12/16/21 & 12/31/21**

**Motion 012022-01 by Hugh B. to approve 12/16/21 minutes with edits submitted,  
Seconded by Norma T., no discussion, all in favor.**

**Roll Call Vote:** Hugh Brower (Y)  
Robert Herbert (Y)  
Norma Thompson (Y)

**Motion 012022-02 by Hugh B. to approve 12/31/21 minutes with edits submitted,  
Seconded by Norma T., no discussion, all in favor.**

**Roll Call Vote:** Hugh Brower (Y)  
Robert Herbert (Y)  
Norma Thompson (Y)

### **New Business:**

**\*\*Agenda item: 39 Church St. – Pete Johnson- FCP/extension**

The commission received a Forest Cutting Plan Extension for Mr. Johnson's property.  
This is the last extension that can be allotted by DCR.

**\*\*Agenda Item: 40 B Hollow Rd. – Ethan Pearson**

Eric and Ethan Pearson attended the meeting to inform the commission that they intend to file with the commission within the next week.

**Old Business:**

**\*\* Agenda item: Corrections to the minutes of the January 21, 2021, meeting/Discussion of Electronic Signatures/Registry**

Hugh B. explains that back on January 21, 2021, the commission authorized the use of electronic signatures to avoid the need for all commissioners to come to the Town Office's to sign paperwork. This wording was not included in the original approved minutes. The proper procedure to adopt the use of electronic signatures

**Motion 012022-03 by Hugh B. to approve the changes to January 21, 2021, meeting minutes, Seconded by Norma T., no discussion, all in favor.**

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<b>Hugh Brower</b>	<b>(Y)</b>
	<b>Robert Herbert</b>	<b>(Y)</b>
	<b>Norma Thompson</b>	<b>(Y)</b>

The proper procedure to adopt the use of electronic signatures is making an official vote to accept, issue a certificate of the vote officially, have it certified by the town clerk which can then be filed with the registry in Springfield. This will make it legal for the commission to use electronic signatures on official documents to be filed with the registry. Within the official documents being filed by applicants, will need to include a specific verbiage.

**Motion 012022-04 by Hugh B. to reaffirm the previous decision made by the Conservation Commission on January 21, 2021, to accept the use of electronic or wet signatures. In addition, Hugh B. moves to authorize the Conservation Commission to use \$105.00 to file the official certificate of vote with the registry, Seconded by Norma T. no discussion, all in favor.**

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<b>Hugh Brower</b>	<b>(Y)</b>
	<b>Robert Herbert</b>	<b>(Y)</b>
	<b>Norma Thompson</b>	<b>(Y)</b>

The commission decides that they would like to use the option of not naming each commission member in case the members change over the years. **Hugh B.** will research the correct approach.

**\*\* Agenda item: 51 Union Rd. – Complaint follow up – BOH**

The commission has no stance on this currently. It is something that the Board of Health will need to follow up on if any additional complaints come forward.

**\*\* Agenda item: 40 Haynes hill Rd. – FCP follow up**

The commission was in receipt of a signed/completed Forest Cutting Plan. Rob H. reiterates that he still intends to reach out to the state forester regarding the removal of temporary stream crossings prior to signing off on these plans.

**\*\* Agenda item: 214 & 216 Union Rd. -update on letter response**

Hugh B. has been in contact with Peter Ariboles. Engineering, wetland delineation and a restoration plan will be required for these parcels. The commission would only allow one stream crossing for both properties. The type of building that would be acceptable would be a car port or shed. It is preferred that the current owner make the appropriate changes, but the commission is more than willing to work with the protentional new owner regarding restoration.

**\*\* Agenda item: 22 & 24 Old County Rd. – NOI Continuance**

Rob H. opened the public hearing for 6:23 PM.

Glenn Krevosky from EBT Environmental Consultants Inc. presents the findings from soil testing conducted, looking for hydric and nonhydric soils within the cleared areas along Lots 11-13. Mr. Krevosky gives a detail presentation of specific descriptions of the soil throughout the property, finding non-hydric soils within the buffer zone and cleared areas. Mr. Krevosky explains that the specific numbers are flagged and left in the field. Mr. Farrell used Levesque's CAD file to overlay all wetland delineations, to see where the wetland lines are. Mr. Krevosky explains that when he augured that it was virgin, undisturbed soil and that he observed seventy percent of upland plants off the clearing.

Mr. Cormier presents the commission with copies that of plans that are signed and stamped, which the commission requested. Mr. Cormier informs the commission that silt fences were positioned but drilling has not taken place as of late. Mr. Krevosky will be conducting the wetland flagging for the cul-de-sac within the next few weeks. The commission discusses concerns of intermittent streams near the proposed cul-de-sac along with concerns on Lot 10.

Mr. Cormier advises that the owner of Lot 12 has been deeded Lot 13, since Lot 13 is not suitable for a building lot.

Mr. Krevosky is willing to come out and walk the property with the commission, since the commission was unable to walk the property prior to the meeting. The public hearing is continued, the commission will conduct a site visit when weather permits.

If the commission can conduct a site visit, the commission may be able to move the continued hearing up to an earlier date than February 17, 2022.

**\*\* Agenda item: Highway Department – NOI**

The commission has not received a response from NHESP on MESA review, **Hugh B.** will follow up with them.

**\*\* Agenda item: 33 Barney Rd. – follow up enforcement order**

**Hugh B.** has seen no sign of animals on the property. Trash along the road was witnessed and manure piles looked to moved upland. The commission is considering the next course of action and what that looks like.

**40 Sizer Dr./Sunpin Energy Services Hearing Continuance TBD:**

The public hearing for this project was continued on 1/20/22, the continued public hearing for 40 Sizer Dr./Sunpin Energy Services is TBD (To-Be-Determined).

The commission is awaiting a response from SUNPIN/WOODS regarding the comments submitted. The commission will then need to evaluate services of Lucas Environmental, if the commission has the necessary funds for Lucas to comment on those responses, then we will move forward with that service. The commission needs to reserve enough funds to cover the Order of Conditions. Liz Dickinson requested that responses are posted at least two weeks prior to any scheduled continuation.

**Motion 012022-05 by Hugh B. makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 PM,  
Seconded by Norma T., no discussion, all in favor.**

<u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<b>Hugh Brower</b>	<b>(Y)</b>
	<b>Robert Herbert</b>	<b>(Y)</b>
	<b>Norma Thompson</b>	<b>(Y)</b>