



# Town of Wales Conservation Commission

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## Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2022

Present: Robert Herbert (**Rob H.**) – *Chair*, Hugh Brower (**Hugh B.**) – *Commission Member*-, Jennifer Bothwell (**Jennifer B.**) – *Commission Member*, Joanie D'Ambrosia (**Joanie D.**) – *Commission Member*, Sarah Ryan (**Sarah R.**), -*Clerk*

Public Present: Ted Wysocki, Ethan Pearson, Brian Johnson

Rob H. opened the public meeting at 6:01 PM.

### Minutes to Approve: 8/18/22 & 8/31/22

Motion 091522-01 by Jennifer B. to approve the 8/18/22 minutes as written, Seconded by Hugh B., no discussion, all in favor.

Roll Call Vote:	Robert Herbert	Y
	Joanie D'Ambrosia	Y
	Hugh Brower	Y
	Jennifer Bothwell	Y

Motion 091522-02 by Hugh B. to approve the 8/31/22 minutes as written, Seconded by Joanie D., no discussion, all in favor.

Roll Call Vote:	Robert Herbert	Y
	Joanie D'Ambrosia	Y
	Hugh Brower	Y
	Jennifer Bothwell	Y

### Other Business:

Lake George: Rob Reidy was present virtually, Mr. Reidy explained that the water drainage on Union Rd. is a concern but wanted to report to the commission that with the cooler temps and recent rainfall the algae in the lake has improved.

Docks: The commission needs to get clarification from DEP regarding what type of docks are required to be a licensed dock.

**Public Hearings-New/Continued:**

**\*\*Agenda Item: 46 Hollow Rd. – NOI**

**Robert H.** reopened the public hearing at 6:32 PM for the Notice of Intent, DEP File # WE 314-0177. The commission conducted a site visit on 9/9/2022 and confirmed that all GPS coordinates matched what was on the plans. There was no visible water flow within the area that showed water on the original Forest Cutting Plan. No vegetation associated with wetlands were observed. The limit of work is outside of the buffer zone but erosion controls will need to be placed near possible wetlands to prevent any run off from construction. A temporary path will need to be created in order to put those erosion controls in place. **Robert H.** read proposed conditions.

**Motion 091522-03 by Robert H. to close the public hearing at 6:55 PM, Seconded by Joanie D., no discussion, all in favor.**

Roll Call Vote:	Robert Herbert	Y
	Joanie D'Ambrosia	Y
	Hugh Brower	Y
	Jennifer Bothwell	Y

**Motion 091522- 04 by Jennifer B. to approve the Notice of Intent for 46 Hollow Rd, DEP File # WE 314-0177 with standard and special conditions as read, Seconded by Joanie D., no discussion.**

Roll Call Vote:	Robert Herbert	Y
	Joanie D'Ambrosia	Y
	Hugh Brower	Abstains
	Jennifer Bothwell	Y

**Old Business:**

**\*\*Agenda Item: 214/216 Union Rd.-Site Visit Follow Up**

The commission discussed the findings of the site visit that had taken place. The owners plan on continuing property clean up but have no plans of undertaking any large projects at the moment. No building should take place near the probably vernal pool on the north side of the property. The owners will follow up if any large plans develop.

**\*\*Agenda Item: 40 A Hollow Rd- Krevosky**

The commission has not received an update from Mr. Krevosky about the delineations expected to take place.

**\*\*Agenda Item: Sizer Dr. – Sunpin Solar-appeal for Superseding Order of Conditions – NOI WE 314-0160-Site Visit**

The status of the appeal for Superseding Order of Conditions for NOI WE 314-0160 is not known at this time. The DEP had reached out to the applicants with questions regarding the reasoning for the location and scope of work in some areas. The applicant had responded to the DEP questions, but no input has been asked of the Conservation Commission at this time.

**\*\*Agenda Item: Old County Rd. – construction status/follow up**

Hugh B. has noticed that erosion controls have been failing on lots 11 and 12 on the Wales side of Old County Rd. A violation letter was sent several weeks ago, which the commission had not received a response. The commission would like to make one last attempt to contact the project manager before going a step further with issuing a stop work order or possible an enforcement order.

**\*\*Agenda Item: 45 Tiderman Rd. – Follow up**

The commission had conducted a site visit from the roadside. They felt that the silting observed was likely from the beaver dam. The lower driveway, the primary driveway is the biggest area of concern for the commission. Brian Johnson was present and explained that the temporary driveway posed a lot of issues due to the 15 ft. of outbreak from the leach field, making it difficult for them to use. The commission discussed a few different options going forward. The consensus was that the commission would like to see the wetlands flagged with distances in place, an additional driveway 100 ft or more from the existing/primary driveway. The commission will expect a filing in the near future.

**New Business:**

**\*\*Agenda Item: Munsell Soil Chart/Soil Auger Purchase**

The commission has an interest in purchasing a soil chart and auger, to conduct soil samples when on site visits. The clerk is going to get clarification on the process for the commission make purchases and getting an up-to-date balance of the expense account and the wetland's funds. Once the commission know if approval from the Board of Selectman is required, they will move forward with purchasing these items.

**Public Hearings-New/Continued:**

**\*\*Agenda Item: Certificate of Compliance- Stafford Holland Rd./Old County Rd.**

The commission received a request for a Certificate of Compliance for the installation of six (6) utility poles and associated hazard tree removal along Stafford-Holland Rd & Old County Rd. Order of Conditions were issued in December of 2021 and since the project as been underway

the commission has confirmed that the work done complied with the conditions issued. The commission signed the Certificate of Compliance for DEP File # WE 314-0173.

Other Business:

The commission needs to follow up with Mr. Matchett from 45 Union Rd., to ensure that erosion controls are in place while his earth removal is taking place due to a complaint being received by DEP.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.**