



# Town of Wales Conservation Commission

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## Meeting Minutes – December 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: Andre Cormier w/business associate, Bill Terry (virtually), Bill Venezia (virtually)

Robert H. opened the public meeting at 6:00 PM.

Minutes to be approved: 11/17/2022

Motion 121522-01 by Joanie D. to approve the 11/17/22 drafted minutes with edits submitted, Seconded by Jennifer B., no discussion, all in favor.

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

### Old Business:

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

Mr. Cormier explained the status of construction on Lots 11 and 12 on Old County Rd. Lot 12 has a completed septic system, soil piles that were a concern have been removed and the site has remained stable. Lots 11 and 12 will have new erosion controls put in place. Mr. Cormier will be substituting hay bales with straw bales, a row of straw bales, waddles and silt fence will be bordering both sites. Mr. Cormier will be waiting until two days have passed with no precipitation before putting new controls in place. **Hugh B.** pointed out that any drainage in place, should have a pooling area with controls around it. Mr. Cormier will follow up with the commission after erosion controls have been replaced.

#### **\*\*Agenda Item: 7 Lake George Rd.-follow up**

The commission would like to follow up with the owners of 7 Lake George Rd. A letter was issued in August of 2022, explaining the purpose of the Wetlands Protection Act and that the commission has jurisdiction to review and control activities with projects that will likely have a significant impact on our watershed. Shortly after the letter was received the owners called and informed the commission that cutting was complete. The commission has observed that cutting continued and the observed storage of heavy equipment in the area of concern could have a negative impact. The commission will follow up with the property owner and request a site visit.

### **New Business:**

#### **\*\*Agenda Item: 31 Shore Dr.-site visits/follow up-Bill Venezia**

Mr. Venezia contacted the commission to see if a filing was necessary for work being proposed on his lake front property. After a signed site visit permission form was completed by the owner and submitted, commission members visited the site. No tree cutting will take place and proposed work includes installation of 3 footings for a proposed deck in the buffer zone. The commission agreed that the proposed work would not require a filing. If a building permit is filed, the commission will inform the building department that no filing is required.

#### **\*\* Agenda Item: Lake Management-Bill Terry**

Robert H. explained concerns that have come before the commission near the end of the summer and early fall of 2022. The commission hopes to work with the Lake Association to create a best practices pamphlet that would address how comply with wetland regulations and laws when performing yard maintenance, creating or adding to a beach area, and dock permitting procedures. The commission also wanted to discuss lake treatments, specifically the concern the public has expressed regarding the weed treatments and their efforts on lake water. The commission will start to compile best practices and plans to with the lake association representatives before sending out a mass mailing to all those that live/own property on the lake.

#### **\*\*Agenda Item: Discuss Forest Cutting Plan-22 Stafford Rd.**

The commission reviewed the forest cutting plan. The only concern is that the Highway Department should be made aware of this activity in case they receive complaints of run off.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Next meeting is January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.