



Town of Wales Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2023

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

Public Present: Kyle St. Marie, Robert Reidy (Virtually)

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

Minutes to be approved: 12/15/2023

Motion 11923-01 by Joanie D. to approve the 12/15/22 drafted minutes as written, Seconded by Jennifer B., no discussion, all in favor.

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

Old Business:

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

The commission will be visiting the sites informally to see how the new erosion controls are holding up.

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

Commission members were able to visit the site on January 11, 2023, where it was confirmed that work had taken place within the buffer zone. The commission asked that hay bales be placed along the disturbed area, with grass or native plantings to be planted in the spring. The storage of heavy equipment had been a concern for the commission and the owner, Kyle St. Marie stated that all fluids were drained from the vehicles and they will be relocated outside the buffer zone.

****Agenda Item: Lake Management -pamphlet**

The commission discussed the presence of blue/green algae on Lake George last summer/fall with Robert Reidy from the Lake Association. Robert Reidy informed the commission that there was speculation that the Board of Selectman may determine that no treatments take place this coming spring/summer. The lake management consultants that the association use will give feedback about the pros and cons of skipping a treatment. The commission still hopes to draft a best management pamphlet to all residents that live on and within proximity to the lake in the late spring. The commission will share the draft with the Lake Association and make edits of additional information they feel is necessary to include.

New Business:

****Agenda Item: 40 Hollow Rd. -site visit/follow up**

The commission conducted a site visit on January 11, 2023, with Glenn Krevosky. The commission was very grateful for all the information Mr. Krevosky provided. The commission received a restoration plan. Mr. Krevosky explained that a portion of the cutoff bushes and trees are resprouting, due to the existing growth, his team will be installing 83 plants in the 18,732 square foot altered wetland at 15 foot spacing. The plants will be purchased from New England Wetland Plants and the species used will be Red Maple, Common Winterberry, Northern Arrowwood and Highbush Blueberry. Additionally, New England Wetmix and a rush seed mix from New England Wetland Plants will be utilized to seed the area this spring when they perform the woody plantings.

****Agenda Item: Annual Report-discussion**

The commission had no additional edits or comments and will be submitted as written.

Other Business:

10-12 Monson Rd-Trudy Reno-tree cutting:

The commission will be following up with an informal site visit from the road.

31 Shore Dr.-letter

The commission had received a request from the property of 31 Shore Dr. to conduct a site visit and determine if a filing was needed for the construction of a deck. The commission determined that a filing was not necessary, minimal disruption with the buffer zone. The owner was seeking a letter stating this, to submit to the building department.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Next meeting is February 16, 2023.