



Town of Wales Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2023

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

Public Present: Joel Jette, Brian Johnson

Robert H. opened the public meeting at 6:03PM.

Minutes to be approved: 2/15/2023.

Motion 031623-01 by Joanie D. to approve the 2/15/23 drafted minutes as written with edits, Seconded by Jennifer B., no discussion, all in favor.

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

Old Business:

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

The commission has not received an NOI for the third lot that is being developed. The commission would like to follow up with Mr. Cormier regarding the status of the development and the formation of the cul-da-sac.

****Agenda Item: 49 Tiderman-follow up/site visit**

The commission conducted a site visit on March 9th, with less-than-ideal conditions due to recent snow fall on site. The owners stated that no more tree cutting would take place and that wetlands on the property dry up during summer months. Most of the clearing and leveling was on the higher portion of the property but a substantial amount of work appeared to have taken

place in the buffer zone of the wetlands on the property. Heavy equipment was on site. **Rob H.** suggested that a site visit in the spring is warranted. In the interim a violation letter will be issued, advising against any further work within the buffer zone. Prior to any work in the buffer zone, the commission requests that the wetlands be delineated and a proper filing be submitted.

New Business:

****Agenda Item: Union Rd.-Building Permit-Joel Jette**

Joel Jette showed the commission plans for a roof replacement and addition of a deck on the existing structure of 66 Union Rd. Mr. Jette states that no footings will be poured, techno posts (3) will be used. No structural changes and no heavy equipment would be used on the property. A dumpster will be placed in the driveway for all debris. The commission requested a site visit to confirm distance from the back of the deck to the water.

****Other Business:**

Sizer Dr./Update: DEP sent correspondence regarding a house located at the very end of sizer drive being registered as a historical home. There is concern regarding potential impact.

45 Tiderman: Brian Johnson was present and is the hired contractor for this site. The owner wants to move the driveway 150 ft. from the existing driveway that is in a resource area of wetlands on site. Mr. Johnson will put stakes for the location of the proposed new driveway. Commission members will visit the site from the road separately and determine if an RDA filing is needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Next meeting is April 27, 2023.