



Town of Wales Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes – April 27, 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: Marge & George Allen, Deborah and Edward Reyes, Ricky Ricci, Mark Asners, Andre Cormier, Karen Kilde, Maryann Sweeney, Wendy Johnson, Kim (Cormier and Sons), Gary Boudick, Kim Clark

Virtual Participants: Rob Reidy, Troy Barry, Katy Wilkins, Megan Woytik

Robert H. opened the public meeting at 6:01 pm.

Minutes to be approved: 3/9/2023 site, 3/16/23

Motion 042723-01 by Jennifer Bothwell to approve the 3/9/2023 site visit and 3/16/23 drafted minutes as written, Seconded by Tom Brown, no discussion, all in favor.

Roll Call Vote:	Jennifer Bothwell	Y
	Joanie D'Ambrosia	Y
	Robert Herbert	Y
	Zachary Berry	Y
	Tom Brown	Y

Old Business:

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

Andre Cormier representing the development on Old County Rd. updated the commission regarding lots 10, 11 and 12. Landscaping has been underway on lots 10 & 12. Mr. Cormier requested permission to use waddles instead of hay bales during the landscaping phase. Lot 11 will have erosion control replaced, considering they have taken a beating with the recent rain fall. A request for a certificate of compliance will be submitted for lots 10, 11, & 12 when the work is complete. Plans for the cul-de-sac are still being designed by engineers but when those

plans are complete a submission will be made. Mr. Cormier will be working closely with the Fire Department and the Highway Department on this project.

****Agenda Item: 45 Tiderman-follow up/ flagging of driveway**

Brian Johnson notified the commission on the day of the meeting that flagging had been placed on property, showing where the proposed driveway will go. Commission members were asked to observe before the meeting if possible. Some commission members were able to visit the site prior to our meeting. The proposed location appeared to be outside the 100 ft buffer zone. The only concern the commission had was the trailer being parked within the buffer zone.

****Agenda Item: 66 Union Rd. -Joel Jette/RDA submission**

Mr. Jette had submitted an RDA earlier that day, with the clerk. This application will be on the agenda for the commissions meeting in May.

New Business:

****Agenda Item: 199 Stafford Rd. - NOI**

Rob H. opened the public hearing at 6:10pm for the Notice of Intent filing received from Tighe & Bond for 2 culvert replacements at 199 Stafford Rd. DEP WE 314-0179. An explanation was given to the public regarding the structure of the hearing. The engineering company would give a presentation of the project, the commission would ask questions, followed by any public concerns or questions related to the culvert. In 2019, the owner of the property attempted to fix an already failing culvert. This was done without notification or filing with the commission, subsequently a complaint was made to DEP. DEP then issued an enforcement order on the property, which the owner appealed. After the appeal was filed, the case was stagnant. The DEP is not able to move forward with comments regarding this newly submitted NOI until the appeal is resolved.

Troy Barry from Tighe & Bond presented the details of the project location, a general overview of existing conditions and the proposed plans for the culvert replacements. The commission asked for specific information pertaining to bank width, water flow due to larger pipe, source of material brought into site, dewatering, effects of the work on aquatic organisms, staging area, access road and timeline of project. Post construction monitoring will be within the Order of Conditions issued by the commission and DEP. The commission does not feel the need to request a peer reviewer for this project.

Motion 042723-02 by Joanie D. to continue the public hearing for the Notice of Intent, DEP File # WE 314-0179 to May 18th, 2023, Seconded by Tom Brown, no discussion, all in favor.

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

Robert Herbert	Y
Zachary Berry	Y
Tom Brown	Y

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.
Next meeting is May 18, 2023.