



Town of Wales Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2023

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

Public Present: Rick Talbot (30 Peck Rd.)

Rob H. opened the public meeting at 6:02 PM.

Minutes to be approved: 5/18/23.

Motion 061523-01 by Joanie D. to approve the 5/18/23 meeting minutes as written, Seconded by Robert H., 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.-follow up**

No follow-up but the commission would like to contact Mr. Cormier to get an update on the status of future filings.

****Agenda Item: Conservation Commission – discussion bylaw**

No update but the commission will continue to discuss.

Public Hearings:

****Agenda Item: 199 Stafford Rd. – NO!**

Rob H. re-opened the public hearing at 6:22 PM. Tighe & Bond has requested a continuance for this hearing.

Motion 061523-02 by Joanie D. to continue the public hearing for the Notice of Intent, DEP File # WE 314-0179 to July 20, 2023, Seconded by Robert H. no discussion, all in favor.

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

****Agenda Item: 30 Peck Rd. – RDA Rick Talbot**

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

The board discussed the application and details of the project. Commission members were able to visit the site the day before. The applicant was looking for feedback from the commission to determine the best approach to make improvement of stream crossing.

Motion 061523-03 by Robert H. to close the public hearing at 6:15 PM for the RDA Application for 30 Peck Rd., Seconded by Jennifer B. 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 commission discussed options for repairing the turtle crossing. The commission felt that the least invasive method would be to repair the existing stream crossing, rather than dewatering the site and constructing culverts. A Notice of Intent filing would be required due to the work within the buffer zone. The commission discussed this with the applicant.

Motion 061523-04 by Robert H. to make a positive determination based on reason # 1; The area described on the referenced plan(s) is an area subject to protection under the Act. Removing, filling, dredging, or altering of the area requires the filing of a Notice of Intent. Seconded by Joanie D., no discussion, all in favor.

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

Other Business:

Sizer Dr. – The superseding order of condition was issued by DEP. The commission will need to follow up to ensure that whoever the project manager is will keep the commission updated on a regular basis.

Resignation – The chair Robert Herbert notified the commission that is resigning from the commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.
Next meeting is July 20, 2023.