



Town of Wales Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2023

Present: *Jennifer Bothwell (Jennifer B.) – Commission Member, Zachery Berry (Zachery B.)-Chair - Commission Member, Joanie D'Ambrosia (Joanie D.)-Commission Member, Sarah Ryan (Sarah R.), -Clerk*

Public Present: Makayla Caliri, Sean Yarrows, Andre Cormier, Kimberly Sauiro

Zachery B. opened the public meeting at 6:03pm.

New Business:

****Agenda Item: MA Wildlife- BioMAP Presentation- Sarah Wasserman**

Sarah Wasserman from MA Wildlife presented to the commission remotely. Ms. Wasserman showed the commission all of the changes to the bioMAP found online, specifically the new feature of showing the most critical areas of lands that need the most protection. These maps are a great resource for the commission, as they support the commissions strategies and allows for recommendations if applicants are in a critical area. www.mass.gov/biomap

Public Hearings:

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

Zachery B. opened the public hearing at 6:50pm. Tighe and Bond have requested a continuance.

Motion 101923-01 by Zachery B. to continue the public hearing for a Notice of Intent, 199 Stafford Rd. DEP File # WE 314-0179 to November 16, 2023, at 6:00pm, Seconded by Joanie D., no discussion all in favor.

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

New Business:

****Agenda Item: 19 Shore Dr. NOI-ratify OOC and conditions issued 10/5/2023.**

Motion 101923-02 by Joanie D. to ratify the decision to approve the Notice of Intent, 19 Shore Dr. DEP File # WE 314-0180 with special conditions, Seconded by Jennifer B. discussion, all in favor.

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

****Agenda Item: 19 Shore Dr. NOI- approve changes suggested by DEP**

Motion 101923-03 by Joanie D. to approve DEP suggested edits to the WPA FORM 5 for the Notice of Intent for 19 Shore Dr. DEP File # WE 314-0180 with special conditions, Seconded by Zachery B., no discussion, all in favor.

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

The commission will reissue the conditions to the applicant and DEP.

****Agenda Item: 40 Peck Rd. – Discussion**

The commission would like to request a copy of the mitigation strategy.

****Agenda Item: 33 Barney Rd.- conditions of site**

The Police Department should follow up with this property, but the commission is still hoping to conduct a site visit from a public way in the near future.

Other Business:

Old County Rd. – Andre Cormier – 522 Old County Rd. & Turnaround.

Andre Cormier provided an update to the commission, regarding the properties that have gone through the permitting process. All sites with issued conditions are stable and complete with erosion controls present.

522 Old County Rd.- An NOI filing is anticipated for this property. The owners would like to extend the lawn, since the lawn settled and created a ledge. The commission is expecting a filing and in the meantime will schedule a site visit.

Turnaround – Mr. Cormier has preliminary plans for a turnaround that is tentatively located on lots 14 and 15. These plans would need to be submitted to Highway and Fire, to ensure that the dimensions are adequate for emergency vehicles. The land would be an easement with the town. An NOI filing is anticipated for this project in the near future.

Minutes to be approved: 9/21/23.

Motion 101923-4 by Jennifer B. to approve the 9/21/23 meeting minutes, Seconded by Joanie D. no discussion, all in favor.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.

Next meeting is November 30th, 2023, 6pm at the Wales Senior Center.