



Town of Wales Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2024

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

Public Present: Eleanor Szlachetka, Dan Wilder

ZB opened the public meeting at 6:00 pm.

Public Hearings:

****Agenda Item: 30 Peck Rd. -NOI**

ZB opened the public hearing at 6:01pm.

The commission conducted a site visit at 166 Monson Rd/30 Peck Rd on January 2nd, 2024. Dan Wilder from Norcross Wildlife explained to the commission where “fire breaks” (exposing the soil) would be implemented, near the minor area of concern, specifically where the white pine trees are located. Ms. Szlachetka, an abutter, had concerns about wildlife protection, protective barriers between the project and her property and the burning of poison ivy. The applicant was able to address these concerns, explaining the position of the fire breaks and the timing of this burn is to be done specifically to protect the wildlife before they become active for the season. Mr. Wilder explained that he is not anticipate burning poison ivy as it predominately grows near the road and that is outside of the burn area.

Motion 01112024-01 by ZB to close the public hearing for 30 Peck Rd./166 Monson Rd., Notice of Intent - DEP File # WE 314-0181 submitted by Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary, Seconded by JB. No discussion, all in favor.

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

