



Town of Wales Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2023

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

Public Present: Mark and Roxanna Fredette, Andre Cormier, Alice Lombard and Brian Hatch

ZB opened the public meeting at 5:00 PM.

Minutes to be approved: 7/20/23.

Motion 080323-01 by Jennifer B. to approve the 7/20/23 meeting minutes with edits, Seconded by Joanie D., no discussion, all in favor.

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

Old Business:

****Agenda Item: Old County Rd.-Andre Cormier -follow up**

Andre Cormier was in attendance to inform the commission of an update on the cul-de-sac project and road drainage issues. An initial plan for the cul-de-sac was designed too close to wetlands. Engineers are looking for a less invasive plan, more wetland delineations are needed. 2 lots on the Holland side were experiencing drainage issues, but the developer and the Road Commissioner will be working together to fix the issues.

Public Hearings:

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

Zachery B. re-opened the public hearing at 5:25 PM. Tighe & Bond has requested a continuance for this hearing.

Motion 080323-02 by Joanie D. to continue the public hearing for the Notice of Intent, DEP File # WE 314-0179 to September 21, 2023, per the request of the applicant, Seconded by Jennifer B. no discussion, all in favor.

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

New Business:

****Agenda Item: 47 Fountain Rd. - RDA**

Zachery B. opened the public hearing at 5:11 PM.

The commission has visited the site. Since work was done prematurely, the commission would like it ensured going forward that the commission will be contacted prior to any work within the buffer zone. No gas/oil storage in the shed, metal roofing used on shed, no altering to beach area and no altering of any protected vegetation.

Zachery B. closed the public hearing at 5:17 PM.

Motion 080323-03 by Joanie D. to issue a negative determination for reason #2 "The work described in the Request is within the area subject to protection under the act, but will not remove, fill, dredge, or alter that area. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent" with the conditions listed above, Seconded by Jennifer B., no discussion, all in favor.

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

****Agenda Item: 19 Shore Dr. – follow up**

Ms. Tierinni attended our last meeting and agreed to a site visit in order for the commission to determine what type of filing is needed for the proposed work. Ms. Tierinni will be working on getting the permission to access site form signed in order for the commission to conduct a site visit. All necessary information and instructions were sent to Ms. Tierinni, the commission is awaiting a follow-up.

Other Business:

25 Shore Dr.- The board review the tree cutting form along with all documentation. The board will issue a letter that outlines what the conditions of the tree cutting to the owner.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 PM.

Next meeting is September 21 at 6PM at the Wales Senior Center.