

CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SITE WALK MINUTES
March 17, 2021
9:00AM

Present: Terry Maitland, Amy Green, Zywia Chadzynska, Jim Colman, Suzanne Flint, Tim McKinnon

Absent: Carolyn Kiely

Natural Resources Director and recording secretary: Tom Tidman

Two Site walks were conducted on March 17th, 2021

Site 1: 12 Spring Hill Road, Notice of Intent (continued), Commissioners present: Jim, Amy, Tim, Zywia, Terry, Sue, Tom Tidman.

9:00 AM: Commissioners met Kyle MacDonald of Goddard Consulting at the site. The proposed common drive and proposed two house footprint locations were walked and reviewed with site plans. Commissioners were concerned that the wetlands flagging locations shown on the “Markey and Rubin” Site Plan, dated 1/21/21, did not accurately reflect modifications approved by Goddard Consulting during the ANRAD review process. Kyle MacDonald said he would take the concerns voiced by the Conservation Commissioners back to Goddard Consulting for clarification. Site visit concluded at 9:45 am.

Site 2: 47 Conant Street, Commissioners present: Jim, Amy, Terry, Tim, Zywia, (Sue?), Tom Tidman.

10:00 AM: Commissioners met with Brian Butler, Oxbow Associates, Molly Obendorf Stamski & McNary and Joe Levine, Developer, to review the site plans presented at the March 3rd hearing. Abutters were present for the site visit. Mr. Butler walked the Commissioners through the site, showing where the common drive would be located and reviewing the location of the stormwater outfall structure. The Commissioners viewed the proposed location of the houses and observed the low area adjacent to the stone wall near Lot 3, brought to their attention by the abutter at 31 Conant Street, Nick Townley. Commissioners asked Molly Obendorf if additional stormwater runoff would enter the low area described by Mr. Townley, Molly stated that no additional stormwater would leave the site or be concentrated where the narrow ditch area described is located.

The proposed limit of tree clearing was examined. It was observed that the trees appeared to be very shallow and rooted in rocky soil in the proposed work area as well as inside the buffer zone and wetland itself. Several large blow downs and root-balls were noted on the property already.

It was observed that the location where the proposed infiltration system is under the driveway was very wet and appeared to have little to no separation from groundwater, and may be inside the wetland itself due to a mismatch between the flagged area and the plans.

Site visits concluded at 10:30AM.