

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

MINUTES SITE WALK AND SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

Present: Peter Friel, Todd Crolius, Jared Bombaci, John Mesham, Scott Basham, Rob Janes and Michael Aurelia

Absent: Rachael Gaudio, Tom Machnik.

Also present: Eric Knapp, Wetlands Enforcement Officer

25-2 – Rodney & Deborah Hornbake, 16 Town Woods Road.

The property owners were present and represented by Caroline O'Hagan of Indigo Land Design. Ms. O'Hagan pointed out the existing structures and indicated that they would all be removed. She then used the site plan to show where the new structures would be placed and located them on the property for the Commission. Ms. O'Hagan indicated which trees would be removed, and stated that they were all flagged. The root masses would be left in place. A new selection of plantings will be proposed by All Habitat Services, LLC, from Branford. The specific location of each planting has not been identified.

25-1 – Southwick Commons, 77-1 & 77-2 Lyme Street.

The Commission was met at the end of the existing parking lot by the Applicant's representatives, Jim Cassidy, project engineer, and Matt Davis, soil scientist. Cassidy and Davis reviewed what the Commission would be seeing on the site walk. The Commission then proceeded into the site. In sequence, the Cassidy and Davis pointed out the septic leaching field locations, distribution boxes, the location of each proposed building and the location of the detention basin. Based on an inquiry from a Commission member, Davis stated that there was a possible vernal pool on site and showed where he suspected it might be located. A wetlands impact assessment should be forthcoming prior to the meeting on the 18th.

25-3 – Paul and Dana Neves, Applicants, 30 Old Shore Rd. Eric & Mary Kate Parker, Owners.

The Commission was met on site by Joe Wren of Indigo Land Design. Mr. Wren field located for the Commission the corners of the proposed house and the barn. Mr. Wren pointed to the location of the wetlands on the site and the vernal pool and conservation area just off of the site. The Wetlands Officer indicated that he would provide the Commission with materials from the prior wetlands application on the adjacent site.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned the site walk and special meeting at 5:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Knapp

Wetlands Enforcement Officer