

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2025

Meeting began at 6:00pm in the first floor meeting room at the Town Hall West Brookfield.

Members present were Rick, Steve, Paul and Wayne.

Minutes from August , 2024 were approved as submitted.

1. Hearings:

- NOI – 164 Wigwam Road –Continuation - Ingraham – Improving Road and Drainage – Hearing came to order at 6:01. DEP file number received and comments and concerns from DEP were reviewed. Updated plans were submitted by Mr. Ingraham based on the DEP recommendations and reviewed by Commissioners. All found in order. Hearing closed at 6:10. Rick made motion to approve, Paul second and all in favor. OOC signed and hand delivered to Mr. Ingraham. Copy on file.
- NOI- 25 Rodman Street – Continuation - Carlson – Application withdrawn.
- RDA – CSX Transportation – Continuation - Vegetation management – Approved, Determination signed, certified return receipt mailed and copy on file

NOI – Leland Road – Water Department – Continuation - Water Treatment Facility –Hearing came to order at 6:20. Updated plans as recommended by DEP were received and reviewed. Stormwater runoff and basin has been addressed and runoff will be filtered into the basin, plan to be reviewed by professional engineer. The small section of the project within 200 feet of the river is delineated as well as the rest within the 100 foot buffer zone. No public comments were received. Hearing closed at 6:28. Rick made motion to accept plan, Steve second and all in favor. OOC was hand delivered and copy on file.

2. New Business

- 69 Lake Shore Drive – Prucnal – Tree removal - Plan reviewed, Paul will conduct a site visit
- 79 Lakeshore Drive – Farmer – Boathouse reconstruction – Plans reviewed and a NOI will need to be filed as the boathouse is within the resource area, actually in the lake. Mr. Farmer will return
- Rte.9 Reconstruction, Phase 2 – Highway superintendent would like site visits to be conducted – Steve will do.

A land swap is proposed that a conservation owned parcel, 27 Welcome Road, be swapped for Parcel D20, West Main Street, a parcel owned by the Town. The Commission unanimously voted that the “conservation values” present on the easement property will be replicated on the replacement land.

- 127 New Braintree Road – Nadon – Possible violation with land clearing and water runoff – Commissioners determined this is not within their jurisdiction – Selectmen will be informed.
- BSC Group – Wigwam Road soil borings – Request for Certificate of Compliance – All in favor and COC signed and mailed.

Old Business

- 54 Ware Point Road – demolition – Builder representative present – Demolition of two vacant buildings, one a shed that is 4-5 feet off the waters edge, is proposed but no definitive plans. A NOI will need to be filed if there is any work within the buffer zone.
- 25 Kennedy Road – Utility pole #50 placement – Kozyra Builders present Site inspection conducted. Pole location approved.
- 90 Lake View Ave – Butland – A 60 day notice from 7/2/25 had been given to Mr. Butland to submit a new NOI to the Commission with engineered drawn plans for site work and structural integrity of proposed replacement wall located on the lake stamped by the engineer. This was not done. A very small plan was presented without any supporting signatures for the wall. Mr. Butland stated he is waiting on the engineer. The erosion mitigating measures as requested are in place and will remain until further notice, and still, no site work is to be conducted. DEP has been informed of this matter and Rick will contact them.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55

Next meeting 10/01/2025

Respectfully submitted