

STRAFFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
August 4th, 2025 MINUTES

PRESENT: Scott Young, Debbie Liskow, Mimi Jost, Kerry Omand, Randy Jacunski, Michael Ferber, Sue Barnes, Liz Evans, Chris Berry

The meeting was called to order by Scott Young at 7:09 pm.

Debbie made a motion to accept July 7th, 2025 minutes and Randy seconded. The motion to accept passed.

GUEST PRESENTATION:

Chris Berry made three presentations on behalf of clients/property owners.

On behalf of the Whitcher Revocable Trust of 2002, he presented a Conditional Use Permit proposal for development road off Whig Hill Road on tax map 4 lot 1. The permit being sought will impact 575 square feet in the upper 25' of a 50' wetlands buffer for a private road providing access to several house lots.

The Conservation Commission joined a Planning Board site walk on July 22nd.

The commission feels that while impacting wetlands buffers is always undesirable, under the proposed plan voted unanimously to not oppose the granting of the conditional use permit.

Chris then presented 2 proposals for a 25 Fire Road 32 lot 1 demolition and reconstruction of a residence and sewage system owned by Jessica and Richard Baker.

The first was a Permit by Notification for a feed pipe crossing a wetland to a leach field further from the lake than the current system. The Commission was inclined to agree and voted no objection and signed the document.

Chris then presented a Conditional Use Permit to remove the existing house and driveway and rebuild further from the shoreline. In the process the new construction will impact 1,580 sf of a 25" wide wetlands buffer. The commission is not opposed to the plan and requests the driveway impacting the buffer be a pervious "lake friendly" pavement option.

IRCR: no report

STF/Evans/Parker Mts.:

Another dead Ash tree was taken down on entry slope.

Other BUSINESS:

GZA Environmental-Review-Alteration of Terrain and a Standard Dredge and Fill in Wetlands Permit Applications for Public Service Eversource Pole Replacement. Notification: We quickly perused the hefty folder and will notify several abutters of the availability of the documents.

Property donation update: We still need estimates on clean up, approximate property bounds/integrity, invasives control program and legal cost estimates.

NATURE NOTES: none

Adjourned: 8:15 pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 8th, 7:00 pm Town Hall
at 10 am.

Site Walk: Brook Dupee September 10th

Recorded by,
Scott A. Young