

# 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 Witcher 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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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 10<sup>th</sup>

Recorded by,  
Scott A. Young