

**Town of Andover
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission**

**Special Meeting Site Walk
November 9, 2019**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order:

Chair, Meghan Lally called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

2. Attendance:

Wetlands Agent, Josh Snarski

Town Manager, Eric Anderson

IWWC Members: Meghan Lally (Chair), George Elliot, Jed Larsen, Ed Smith

3. Site Walk Summary:

The Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission held a Special Meeting Site Walk at the following site: Town Land on Riverside Drive/Long Hill Road (Map 27 Block 20 Lot 9A). Meeting attendees met at the ball fields parking lot.

Chairman Lally reviewed the site visit purpose: the town seeks to remove trees adjacent to the Hop River within the wetlands and upland review area; the town has requested a jurisdictional ruling and determination as to whether an application is required.

Commission members were reminded to limit conversation to the location and nature of the proposed activity and to factors relevant to the Commission.

Town Manager Anderson, representing the Town of Andover, led commission members and Agent Snarski through the area of proposed activity. The town proposes removal of four large white oaks; all four trees were described as 'standing dead'. To minimize disturbance, activity would be conducted when the ground is frozen and stumps would be left in place. Mr. Anderson noted that while canopy loss is typically a concern with tree removal in a wetland, the trees to be removed are dead and therefore provide only minimal canopy coverage. The town will ask the contracted forester about the possibility of felling trees into the river to provide habitat; the potential for increased flooding would need to be considered as part of this decision. The town would pursue funding for tree replacement after removal.

4. Adjourn:

Chair, Meghan Lally closed the meeting at 8:39 AM. The meeting was scheduled to reconvene at 9:00 am at 40 Townsend Road.

5. Call to Order:

Chair, Meghan Lally reconvened the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

6. Attendance:

Wetlands Agent, Josh Snarski

Town Manager, Eric Anderson

IWWC Members: Meghan Lally (Chair), George Elliot, Jed Larsen, Ed Smith

Conservation Commission Member: Hank Gruner

7. Site Walk Summary:

The Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission held a Special Meeting Site Walk at 40 Townsend Road (Map 27 Block 20 Lot 9A) to review the location of a proposed building demolition via controlled burn. Meeting attendees met at the property.

Chairman Lally reviewed the site visit purpose: the applicant seeks an Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Permit for the demolition of a residential structure on the property; demolition would occur via a controlled burn by the Andover Volunteer Fire Department. Commission members were reminded to limit questions to the location of the proposed activity and minimize additional conversation as this is a pending application.

Mr. Jandzinski, the property owner and applicant noted that the only the main residential structure is proposed for demolition. A large garage/barn observed adjacent to the residence will not be demolished. The location of Staddle Brook as well as the unnamed small pond were identified. Mr. Jandzinski identified the property boundaries but noted that he is also the owner of the abutting property behind the property as well. Mr. Gruner (present) noted that he is also an adjacent property owner.

Chairman Lally noted that Staddle Brook is identified as an Area of Special Concern in the Town IWW Regulations and therefore has an upland review area of 200 feet; any other watercourses and wetlands associated with the property would have an upland review area of 100 feet from the edge of the waterbody/wetland. Permission was granted to allow Agent Snarski to return to the property to measure distances from the structure to the observed waterbodies and associated wetlands.

8. Adjourn:

Chair, Meghan Lally closed the meeting at 9:08 AM.

Meeting Minutes helpfully submitted by IWWC Chairman, Meghan Lally.

Please see the minutes of subsequent meetings for the approval of these minutes and any corrections hereto.