

Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission
Special Meeting Minutes - Site Visits
March 29, 2023

The first site walk was called to order by Chairman John Favreau at 5:00 pm at Lot #19 on Sunset Lake Road (Assessor's Map 17, Lot 56). Members present were Nancy Binns and Tara Tanner. Absent members were Tom Caldwell and Cindy Shook. Kit Lundberg, alternate, was present and seated for absent member Tom Caldwell. The land-use official, Janell Mullen and applicants, Susan Moran and Allan Buttrick were also present.

The applicant, Allan Buttrick, handed Janell Mullen an updated site plan entitled "Site Development Wetlands Application- Buttrick Residence- 19 Sunset Lake Road, Warren CT" plan dated March 23, 2023. He stated that there may be further revisions to the site plan. The group entered the property through a break in the stone wall and walked to what would be the corner of the house, which was staked out. Alan Buttrick stated that the primary revision would be the location of the proposed garage and its size. Janell Mullen requested an updated stamped and signed site plan in advance of the next Inland Wetlands meetings to represent this change.

Chairman John Favreau mentioned that details such as the impervious surface calculations, the stockpiling of materials, and details outlining the plan for rainwater run-off would need to be finalized. The members present looked at the site plan and noted that the current pipe capturing stormwater outlets towards the wetlands. They suggested that this gets revised.

The applicants then led the group to the revised location of the garage, which was now intended to be 24' X 36'. The Commissioners then proceed to walk further into the woods to observe the wetlands flags and the 40" caliper oak tree, which would not be disturbed in the process of developing the site. Janell Mullen asked about the limits of disturbance and Chairman John Favreau asked about the location of the silt fencing.

The group exited the property via the location of the proposed driveway and observed and remarked about the topography of the proposal. The applicants led them to a stake in the stonewall which representing the centerline of the driveway. The site walk was adjourned at 5:41.

The second site walk was called to order by Chairman John Favreau at 5:56 pm at 358 Lake Road. This site walk was for observation purposes of an approved project, IWA # 22-12-03 which involved dredging in Lake Waramaug. Members present were Cindy Shook, Tara Tanner, Nancy Binns and alternate member Kit Lundberg. Absent was member Tom Caldwell. Janell Mullen was present as the land-use official of the Town of Warren as were the co-applicants Sean Hayden, Executive Director of the Lake Waramaug Task Force, and Matthew Vogt, President of New England Aquatic Services. Peary Stafford, of 37 Curtiss Road, was also present as a member of the public.

Janell Mullen handed updated aerials maps that she had received from Matthew Vogt that outlined the extent of the project's activity in Lake Waramaug. Matthew Vogt began by pointing out those parameters and then called the group's attention to the dredge in the lake and explained the method for loosening and removing the materials. He pointed out the pipeline and the sub-surface operation which occurs in an "H" pattern. The purpose of the dredging project was to remove sedimentation build-up from the delta which occurs where Sucker Brook outlets into the Lake.

Sean Hayden then pointed out a buoy in the water and described the data collection of the Lake Waramaug Task Force. He also stated that the delta acts to prevent cold, oxygenated water from entering the Lake, which keeps it healthy. Janell Mullen asked if data could be shared with the Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission at a future meeting.

Member Nancy Binns left the site walk at 6:10 pm. Matthew Vogt then led the group to the staging area for the materials that had been removed during the dredging process. He explained that the sedimentation was being pumped into these one-time use filtration bags that were then draining slowly. They were surrounded by silt fencing. Sean Hayden stated that all the materials left-over from the bags would be re-purposed. Janell Mullen asked if the project was moving at the cadence that the applicant expected. Matthew Vogt said yes and that they expected to complete the project in April. The second and final site walk adjourned at 6:20 pm.