TOWN OF SOMERS
Conservation Commission
600 Main Street

SPECIAL MEETING/SITE WALK
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026
4:30 PM OLD HAMPDEN ROAD
MINUTES

The Town of Somers Conservation Commission, at 4:30pm on Thursday, October 29, 2026 will hold a Site Walk/Special Meeting on Old Hampden Road in the vicinity of 47 Old Hampden Road. Conversation at the site walk will be strictly limited to discussion related to orientation and location of site characteristics

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Joan Formeister called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. The commissioners in attendance were Candace Aleks, Sydney Flowers, Drew Kukucka. Joanna Shapiro, the Town of Somers Wetlands Agent, was also present.

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Discussion/Possible Decision Application #832: 187 George Wood Rd.** Extension of driveway, concrete pad, and garage in the Upland Review Area. Deborah Hardy.

   Drew Kukucka moved to approve Application #832: 287 George Wood Road. Extension of driveway, concrete pad, and garage in the Upland Review Area based on the following:

   - The Commission finds that the Applicant has submitted all necessary application materials pursuant to Section 211-7 of the Wetlands Regulations, including but not limited to Section 211-7(E)(5), "Alternatives considered and rejected."
   - The Commission did not find the proposed activities "significant."
   - The Commission finds that the criteria set forth in Section 211-10B have been met by the Applicant.

   Joanna Shapiro informed the commmission that the pile of soil has been covered with a tarp since the last meeting. Commission discussed the importance of the town creating a checklist of what needs to be done when applying for a building permit from the town of Somers.

   Candace Aleks seconded. All were in favor, and the motion carried. A motion was made and seconded to approve the application

III. SITE WALK

1. **Site Walk: Old Hampden Road, in the vicinity of 47 Old Hampden Road**.

   Note: All discussion (solely between the Applicant and the Commission) will be limited to those needed for orientation and location of items referenced on the plans.

Brian Juliano, Matthew Moylan (an employee of Brian Juliano), Mark Reynolds (engineer), Todd Rolland (Somers' Public Works & Emergency Management Director), and Jennifer Roy (Somers' Assistant Director of Land Use/Zoning Enforcement Official) were present for the site walk in addition to the commission members and wetland agent mentioned above. Mark Reynolds provided basic site plans to orient the commission and provided a site walk along Old Hamden Road to the specific areas on the plan. Commission was informed that no wetland flagging was installed because no wetlands were found on this property and there is a small area that is considered part of the Upland Review Area of Thrasher Brook that runs adjacent to the propety.

We viewed Area 1 identified on the map, and this includes the two culverts that run under the road, but only one is actively moving water through. Drew Kukucka asked what part of the propery is considered the town's right of way and the estimated guess was 25' from the center of the road. We viewed Area 2 where a prior basin was built when the sand and gravel pits were active in the past. This area included a culvert that had haybales staked around the outside to prevent sediment from entering the culvert if needed. Area 3 was the beginning of the driveway to 47 Old Hampden Rd, viewable from Old Hampden Road, with a stone-lined swale.

Mark Reynolds said the storm water management plan is being developed now and will be coming soon. Drew Kukucka asked if they would also viewing the rest of the site, beyond the town right-of-way. Brian Juliano declined to provide public access to the site at this time.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Candace Aleks made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sydney Flowers seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Sydney Flowers
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