

**Conservation Commission
Monthly Report
August 2022**

The Commission continues its work enforcing the Wetlands Protection Act and local Bylaws and Regulation through site inspections on new and continuing projects. The Commission had two meetings in August and one group Site Visit at Stratton Hill with their consultant from BSC, Group.

At the August 11th Conservation meeting the Commission issued two permits for smaller projects one on Nashua Street and the other for the Kiddie Junction Playground reconstruction project at Pirone Park. The Commission met with the Jeff Thomas, Parks Director, Dan Van Schalkwyk, DPW Director and the Parks Commission Consultant for the removal of trees within the soil remediation area. Also, at the meeting the Commission issued 8 Certificates of Compliance for houses located in Pingry Hill.

At the August 25th meeting the Commission opened a public hearing for Spectacle Pond Treatment Plant water transmission line replacement which was continued to the September 8th meeting. The Commission also received an update and revised draft plans for Ayer Solar II for some site construction changes that have occurred on site due to site restrictions. The Commission reviewed and discussed the final report from their consultant for Stratton Hill Conservation Analysis.

The Conservation Agent continues to go out and inspect ongoing projects and meet with residents to discuss concerns on their property. The office is working on several administrative projects during the slow down of applications including updating the Commission webpage and template for special order of conditions.

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