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The Commission continues it 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 September, which the Commission discussed the Spectacle Pond Water Transmission line replacement and their Conservation Recommendation to the Planning Board for the Stratton Hill Subdivision.

The Public Hearing for the Spectacle Pond Water Transmission line was opened in August. The Commission conducted a site walk on September 3rd and had no comments regarding the proposed work. The hearing was continued the September 8th and closed at the September 22nd meeting where the Order of Conditions was issued.

The Commission also meet to discuss their Conservation Recommendation to the Planning Board for the proposed Stratton Hill Subdivision. The Commission worked hard to include the comments from their consultant, Matt Burn from BSC Group and comments from Commission members and residents. At the end of the Commission's September 22nd meeting the discussion was continued to the October 13th meeting where the final draft will be reviewed, and a vote should occur.

The Conservation Agent continues to go out and inspect ongoing projects including weekly visits to Ayer Solar II and meet with residents to discuss concerns on their property. The Agent has also attended several field training sessions to further their knowledge and network with other Conservation Staff. The office is working on several administrative projects during the slowdown of applications including updating the template for special order of conditions and several possible policies and Regulation updates.

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