

**Conservation Commission  
Monthly Report  
August 2023**

The Commission continues its work enforcing the Wetlands Protection Act and local Bylaws and Regulation through site inspections on new and continuing projects, as well as community outreach. The Commission held two meetings in August.

At the Commission's August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting the Commission had three items on their agenda. First was a possible violation of the removal of trees on Flannagan Pond without prior approval. The owner is new to the area and was unaware of the rules here. The Commission explained to the owner what was needed, and the Agent met with the owners on the site the following day. The Commission also had a Request for Determination of Applicability for Pirone Park for the new Kiddie Junction Playground. The Commission reviewed the plans and issued a negative determination with the conditions that the erosion controls be installed and inspected and any leaf debris within the buffer will be removed. The Commission then opened the continued public hearing for 201-205 West Main Street. The applicant provided further information regarding the snow storage for the parking areas. With the project also before the Planning Board the Commission continued the hearing till the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Lastly the Commission heard from their Agent about a few possible minor changes to the Wetlands Bylaw for the Fall Town Meeting. The Commission reviewed the current Bylaw and the Agent's suggestions for edits and will discuss the matter at the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

At the Commission's meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup> the Commission had only one item on the agenda, a Request for Determination of Applicability for 91 Littleton Road. The owner of the property is looking to decommission the existing septic system and tie into town sewer. The Commission issued a negative determination for the project.

The Conservation Agent continues to meet with residents to discuss projects on their property and the removal of any vegetation. The Agent attended a preconstruction meeting along Littleton Road for the installation of a new gas line. The Commission and their Agent continue to work on the Pine Meadow Land Trust project and will be getting the group together in the fall to discuss new trail markers.

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