

TOWN OF FARMINGTON  
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

September 9, 2021

SITE WALK

Midpoint Development - 1349, 1371 Farmington Avenue and Lots 8218, 8237 Farmington Avenue

The site walk began at approximately 5:30 pm.

Present were Commissioners Berlandy, Fox, Simpson and Statchen, and Assistant Town Planner Rutherford. On behalf of the applicant the following individuals were present: Phil Doyle, Megan Raymond and Jeff Scott.

The site walk began at the parking lot of 1371 Farmington Ave. The walk proceeded to the back of the existing building at 1371 Farmington Ave. and an explanation was provided regarding the lowering of and connection to the existing trail. There was also a brief discussion regarding alternatives to the proposed lowering of the trail. The discussion included a review of the floodway and floodplain limits.

The site walk continued east along the existing sewer easement. Reference to proposed building corners were noted along the way for orientation purposes. The volume of invasive species was observed throughout the walk – Japanese Knotweed and Oriental Bittersweet being the most prevalent. The areas of alluvial soil north of the sewer easement were also noted, along with the areas of historic disturbance on the property for the installation of the sewer main and excavation activities in the 1970's and 1980's. The walk continued east until approximately the location of Building 7.

The site walk returned west and continued out to the peninsula at the river, the location of the proposed gazebo and boat launch. The limits of the wetland delineation were discussed for the river front area. There was discussion about the current elevation of the river versus the level last week immediately following Hurricane Ida. Observations were made of areas of inundation, wood and debris deposits from the hurricane, and siltation from the floodwaters. The walk proceeded west along the alignment of the proposed bike trail, returning to the parking lot of 1371 Farmington Ave.

The site walk ended at approximately 7:05pm.