

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

October 1, 2023

SITE WALK

Hartford HealthCare Corporation – 9 Farm Springs Road

The site walk began at approximately 9:00am

Present were Commissioners Isner, Fox, Kelsey, Simpson, Berlandy, and Senior Assistant Town Planner Cyr. There was no one present for the applicant.

Senior Assistant Town Planner Cyr reviewed the proposed work with the Commission detailing the clearing within the detention basin as well as the area between the detention basin and I-84. The Commissioners noted the presence of invasives and some deciduous trees within the basin area, and along the border between the site and I-84. The site walk ended at approximately 9:20am, and the Commission started traveling to the next site.

Jones Construction LLC – Lot 8556 New Britain Avenue

The site walk began at approximately 9:45am

Present were Commissioners Isner, Fox, Kelsey, Simpson, Berlandy, and Senior Assistant Town Planner Cyr. Present for the applicant was David Tompkins (Spring Hand Corps LLC) and Rick Jones (Property Owner/Applicant).

The site walk commenced in the parking lot of the Town of Farmington Highway Department (544 New Britain Avenue) and the Commission reviewed the condition of the watercourse that divides the two parcels. The Commission then proceeded along New Britain Avenue, and entered the site just north of the watercourse, at the existing northerly entrance. The applicant had the approximate limits of clearing flagged along the northerly portion of the shared property line along 544 New Britain Avenue and along a portion of the westerly property line abutting the State of Connecticut property and Town of Farmington Multi-Use Trail. David Tompkins briefly described the proposed location for the detention basin and the closest proposed buildings. The Commission noted most of the vegetation along the northerly property line was in poor condition and needed to be removed. The Commission then reviewed the area of clearing along the westerly property line. The flagging indicated the proposed clearing was approximately half-way up the slope. The vegetation consisted of mainly mature trees and little if any understory. The Commission expressed concerns with the amount of clearing required and the viewshed of the proposed development from the Multi-Use Trail. The Commission also expressed concerns regarding once the vegetation is removed, what effect will the wind have on weakening the existing trees once the protective surrounding is removed.

The site walk ended at approximately 10:25am.