

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

October 27, 2024

SITE WALK

City of Hartford – 95 Batterson Park Road

The site walk began at approximately 9:00am.

Present were Commissioners Statchen, Fox, Isner, Kelsey, Alternate Commissioner Tulin, Town Planner Rutherford, Senior Assistant Town Planner Cyr, and Assistant Town Planner Daigle.

Present for the Applicant were, Paul Drummey (City of Hartford), Jesse Harris (BSC Group), Robert Newton (BSC Group), Ethan Sneesby (BSC Group), Jim Giuliano (CSG), and Robert Allan (Riverfront Recapture).

Jesse Harris stated Wetland Scientist Ethan Sneesby had walked the site earlier in the week to replace many of the wetland flags so the Commissioners could easily observe the limits of wetlands. In addition, the surveyor had been onsite to stake the location of many proposed improvements on the site including the access road along the east side of Wetland #2, maintenance building, and amenity building.

The site walk started with a review of the location of the access road. Jesse Harris had stated in response to concerns by both Staff and the Commission, they moved the access road approximately 60 feet from the original proposed location which now results in no clearing in most of the area. The westerly edge of the access road was staked out, and the Commission reviewed the location along with the condition of Wetland #2. The applicant will revise the plans depicting the new access road location. The group then proceeded south to the location of the existing access road and reviewed the condition as well as the possibility of utilizing this as the access road.

The group then proceeded west to the location of the stream crossing along the existing access road, between Wetland #1 and #2. The crossing was observed to be a box culvert approximately 10ft x 4ft. The Commission reviewed the crossing as the plans depict the utilities to cross under the culvert due to the limited cover.

The group then proceeded to Wetland #3 and the location of the proposed amenity building. Jesse Harris discussed the location of improvements, the existing beach area, as well as the selective clearing of invasive vegetation along the edge of the pond. The group then proceeded to the location of the proposed maintenance building. The limits of clearing as well as the storm drainage system were reviewed.

The group then proceeded westerly and southerly along the proposed multi-use trail through Wetlands #1, #4, and #5. It was discussed the exact trail location will be determined at time of construction, at which time it will be located to limit tree removal and disturbance. Areas of each wetland crossing were reviewed, as well as the type of bridges and methods of construction. Commissioner Kelsey left the site walk after the review of the Wetland #5 crossing.

The group then proceeded back to their vehicles and relocated to the existing boat launch area at the southwest corner of the property, along the Farmington and New Britain Town Line. Commissioner Tulin and Assistant Town Planner Daigle had left the site walk and did not attend the second half of

the meeting. The group proceeded north from the boat launch parking lot, through Wetlands #10, #12, and #8 along the proposed multi-use trail. The condition of the wetland as well as the potential wetland crossing locations were reviewed.

The group proceeded back to the boat launch parking lot, and the site walk ended at approximately 11:50am.