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TOWN OF FARMINGTON  
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

November 20, 2016

SITE WALK

Present were Chairman Hinze, Commissioners Quigley and Simpson, Alternate Commissioners Markuszka and Wolf, and Assistant Town Planner Rutherford.

**Latitude Design Services, LLC – 1651 Farmington Ave.**

The site walk began at approximately 9:10 AM.

In addition to the Chairman, Commissioners, and Assistant Town Planner, Martha Radford and Lou Graff participated in the site walk.

The site walk proceeded in a clockwise fashion around the home. Reviewing the trees that had been removed and noting the stumps that show signs of rot, indicating a tree in poor health. There were brief discussions about soil and erosion control, invasive species management, embankment exposure and protection and the restoration plan for the rear yard.

Along the west side of the home, the group discussed the two trees at the northwest corner of the home that overhang the garage. These trees are outside of the record wetland limit for the property. The Chairman and Commissioners agreed that these trees could be removed and the removal did not have to be included in the current application.

The site walk ended at approximately 9:40 AM.

**Berlin Remnant Land Parcels LLC – 55 and 8859 South Rd.**

The site walk began at approximately 9:50 AM.

In addition to the Chairman, Commissioners, and Assistant Town Planner, Kyle Richards participated in the walk.

There is a large stockpile of topsoil immediately behind the house at 55 South Rd. The stockpile is ringed with straw wattle to prevent sediment from dispersing and entering the wetland. The stockpile is approximately 100 ft. from the nearest wetland edge.

The engineer for the applicant had staked the building corners and parking lot corners of the proposed development. The walk proceeded by walking the full site, identifying the building and parking lot corners in sequential order and noting the proximity to the wetlands as appropriate. The Chairman and Commissioners also walked a portion of the wetland to understand the function and value of the resource.

There was some discussion regarding the size of the entire wetland system. The Assistant Town Planner noted that the property extends north to Middle Rd. and the wetland system extends that full distance and to the east behind a number of the neighboring properties.

The site walk ended at approximately 10:20AM.

**Trumpf, Inc. – 111 Hyde Rd and 1 Johnson Ave.**

The site walk began at approximately 10:30 AM.

The Chairman did not participate in this walk. In addition to the Commissioners and Assistant Town Planner, George Andrews and John Myska participated in the site walk.

The walk began at the northwest corner of the building located at 111 Hyde Rd. and preceded in a counter-clockwise direction through this property following the proposed trail. The trail crosses Johnson Ave. at the existing crosswalk into 1 Johnson Ave. The walk continued on the 1 Johnson Ave. property, following the proposed trail in a counter-clockwise direction.

On each property the Commission noted the proximity of the proposed trail to the wetland resources and the measures proposed to minimize impact to those resources. There is a portion of the trail on the 1 Johnson Ave. property that will traverse through an existing conservation easement. As discussed during the walk, additional review and permitting may be required to modify the easement.

The site walk ended at approximately 11:30 AM.