

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**CITY OF NASHUA**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**May 23, 2022**

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The site walk was called to order at 5:30 by Sherry Dutzy Roll call by Sherry Dutzy

**Those Present:**

Commissioners: Jed Crook, Sherry Dutzy, Carol Sarno, and Maureen Bourque

Staff present: None

Others Present: Richard Widhu, Alternate Commissioner Candidate

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THE FOLLOWING SITE WALK MUST ONLY DISCUSS THE PROPERTY LISTED. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND INFORMATIONAL WALK WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE OWNER AND/OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE. DISCUSSION CONCERNING BUFFER IMPACTS AND ANY RELATED TOPICS ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY WILL BE COVERED. THE WALK SHOULD THEN ADJOURN WITH NO FURTHER DISCUSSION OF CONSERVATION BUSINESS. ALL DECISIONS WILL BE MADE AT AN UPCOMING MEETING AND POSTED ON THE AGENDA ACCORDINGLY. SITE WALK NOTES /MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED AT THAT TIME. DRAFT MINUTES NEED TO BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN ONE WEEK OF THE WALK.

## **42 Hampton Drive**

This is the home of George and Rachel Matocha which was built in the 1970s. They are requesting approval to build a 2' retaining wall in 'other' wetlands (3,00 – 9,000 sf) designated with a 20' buffer. Their backyard slopes towards the wetland and they are interested in leveling it off to create more yard and to install a fence to protect their children from the wetland and a neighbor's dog.

The area was marked off prior to the site walk by Gary Flaherty, Certified Wetland Scientist. 42 Hampton Drive is a corner lot with an intermittent stream running on the north and eastside of the property line. The home on the westside of the property has about a 4' retaining wall. There is a concrete rectangle in the yard about 3' x 5' whose purpose is unknown. This will be removed.

Commissioners surveyed the property along with Mr. Matocha and made suggestions about moving the retaining wall further from top-of-bank to allow a silver maple more room for growth. This would also decrease the amount of fill needed. It was further suggested that he consider placing the fence on top of the retaining wall rather than inside since it would further increase the amount of yard available Mr. Matocha was agreeable to all changes. Mr. Matocha hopes to begin construction in June and have the wall completed by September.

No further stipulations were considered. Since a quorum was on hand it was decided to vote on the project. Commissioner Crook made a motion to recommend approval of the amended boundaries. It was seconded by Commissioner Bourque. The vote was 4-0 to approve.

Motion to adjourn at 6:02 by Commissioner Sarno, seconded by Commissioner Bourque. Motion carried 4-0.

Submitted by:  
Sherry Dutzy

June 2, 2022