

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**CITY OF NASHUA**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
July 13, 2022

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

Roll call by: Sherry Dutzy

**Those Present:**

Commissioners: Carol Sarno, Megan Cook, Gene Porter, Sherry Dutzy, Brandon Pierotti, Dick Widhu, Maureen Bourque

Staff present: Deb Chisholm, Scott McPhie

Others Present: Jason Strniste, BGHS Principal, Tom Zajac and Ethan Beals, Hayner-Swanson Engineering, Brendan Quigley, Wetland Scientist, Gove Engineering

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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.**

### **40 Old Groton Road**

40 Groton Rd. is approximately 47 acres which lies south of Groton Rd. to the Mass. border. The property can be characterized as heavily disturbed land with a long history of sand and gravel extraction or related activity. The central portion of the property is still actively used for storage and processing of construction aggregate and is occupied by a number of large stockpiles and unpaved access road.

Bishop Guertin High School is interested in constructing an athletic field complex consisting of 3 athletic fields, an 8-lane running track, 4 tennis courts, a maintenance/locker building along with parking for 36 cars and associated site improvements. There is no room at the school campus for expansion of fields and this will become a practice site. No concession stands are planned, synthetic turf will be used, and the septic system will be limited for lockers. Approximately 15 – 18 acres will be used for this purpose with the remainder left undisturbed.

Seven wetland areas were identified with many of them being created by disturbance. Of the 7, 3 were identified as vernal pools with the largest one being just off Groton Road. The group walked most of the unvegetated areas. Some areas were heavily vegetated (vernal pool #2) and could only be viewed from a distance. There is virtually no topsoil left and some beaver activity was noted in the pond. This property abuts the Dunstable Conservation area and access to this area will be allowed. The athletic complex will be fenced, locked and lighted.

Mr. Zajac noted that Old Groton Rd. was created in 1799 and utilized until 1935 when the State created a new road. Trees along the eastern portion of the land will remain as a buffer for the new housing development in construction. Restoration of the disturbed buffer area is planned. The only wetland disturbance will be at the finger of wetland AA which may be impacted.

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 by Commissioner Pierotti, seconded by Commissioner widhu. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherry Dutzy

July 28, 2022