

DRAFT MINUTES
CITY OF NASHUA
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
March 24, 2026
3 Osgood Road

The site walk was called to order at 5:00 PM

Those Present: Commissioners: Dale Carruth, Will Darby, Amanda Griffith, Brandon Pierotti, Dick Widhu, and Carol Sarno

Others Present: Mr. Jim Mirakian. Property Owner, Levent Akinci, Sustainability Planner, Nashua Community Development

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.

The home at 3 Osgood Road backs up to a wetland greater than 9000 square feet in area, meaning that most of the property's backyard is located within the 40' wetland buffer. Mr. Mirakian is seeking permission to build a 12' x 16' shed on the easterly side of his backyard. As per previous discussions with the Conservation Commission, Mr. Mirakian has shifted the proposed location of the shed closer to his home to minimize the potential impact on the wetland buffer. The new proposed location for the shed would mean that the shed encroaches 7' into the wetland buffer based on the wetland delineation at the property. Mr. Mirakian also indicated that he had already cut down one tree before he understood the process required with the City of Nashua to build the shed, however he informed the commissioners that he would be willing to replace the tree with a tree or shrubs that the Commission felt would be appropriate.

Commissioner Darby asked about the foundation of the shed, which Mr. Mirakian indicated will be pressure treated wood. Commissioner Darby also recommended planting native shrubs to control erosion into the drainage swale along the eastern property line. Blueberry and winterberry holly were suggested as possible options here. Commissioner Sarno also requested that Mr. Mirakian uses a non-chemical (organic) fertilizer on the lawn in the back of the house, due to the proximity to the wetlands. This concluded discussion regarding the property at 3 Osgood Road.

Commissioner Sarno requested to discuss the approved spending amount for a level 2 tree assessment to be completed at 19 Vista Way. At the March 17th Conservation Commission meeting a not-to-exceed amount of \$800 was approved for this purpose by the Commission. However, after requesting a quote from Lee Gilman and Associates (now Bartlett Tree Experts) it was determined that a level 2 assessment at 19 Vista Way would likely cost somewhere in the range of \$1000 to \$1250 based on the hourly estimate provided and time required to complete the assessment. The Commissioners discussed why it was necessary for the Commission to pay for this assessment in this instance. Commissioner Darby moved to approve the hiring of a licensed arborist to complete a level 2 tree risk assessment at 19 Vista Way, at a cost not-to-exceed \$1500. Seconded by Commissioner Sarno.

Commissioner Widhu moved that the site walk be adjourned. Seconded by Commissioner Pierotti. Adjourned at 5:25 PM.

Submitted by:
Levent Akinci

Date:
March 25, 2026