

DRAFT MINUTES
CITY OF NASHUA
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
March 31, 2026
55A Middle Dunstable Road

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

Roll call by: Commissioner Dutzy

Those Present: Commissioners: Sherry Dutzy, Dale Carruth, Will Darby, Carol Sarno, Richard Widhu, Brandon Pierotti

Others Present: Deb Chisholm, Sustainability Director, Austin DeSantis, Representing the homeowner, Alex Guiffrida, Civil Engineer IMEG

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 purpose of the site walk was to view requested incursions into the wetland buffer in order to construct a home on the lot next to 55A Middle Dunstable Road. The wetland buffer is primarily grassed with portions being wooded containing a few trees running closest to the existing stream. A drainage easement bisects the buffer. The land slopes at about a 30-degree angle from street level. The narrowest part of the property is at the headwall of the stream where a large culvert resides.

Commissioners were primarily concerned about the location of and necessity for the construction of a retaining wall. The wall will be 4' high, 30' long and is said to be necessary to meet grade standards. A specimen tree now in the buffer will be cut with possibly 2 more trees, outside the buffer, being cut to allow for the driveway.

Commissioner Pierotti questioned if a variance could be applied for to move the house closer to the back of the property, therefore being less impactful to the buffer. This was noted by Mr. Guiffrida and Mr. DeSantis.

Possible stipulations are as follows:

- 1) Lawn area now in the buffer to be removed
- 2) Wetland buffer monumentation installed
- 3) Invasive plant removal per NH Dept. of Agriculture Markets & Food guidelines
- 4) Landscaping to include native plants only

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 with a motion from Commissioner Carruth, seconded by Commissioner Sarno.

Submitted by:
Sherry Dutzy

Date:
April 3, 2026