

DRAFT MINUTES
CITY OF NASHUA
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
January 12, 2026
147 Daniel Webster Highway

The site walk was called to order at 8:00 AM by Chair Dutzy

Roll call by: Commissioner Dutzy

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

Others Present: Paul Chisholm, Engineer, Keach-Nordstrom Associates, Inc., Cindy Blacius, Wetland Scientist, Stoney Ridge Environmental, 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.

Tulley Automotive Facility, located at 147 Daniel Webster Highway, is seeking to expand their parking area to include 110 spaces. The project is estimated to begin in Spring, 2026 and be completed in 60-90 days. Site work will include tree clearing, pavement removal, proposed pavement for parking and circulation, landscaping, lighting, and stormwater management provisions.

The group walked the area which had been delineated by Cindy Blacius, Wetland Scientist. A metal fence marks the boundary with DOT property and a 10' buffer would be maintained. The wetlands are considered of low value since they comprise a strip of land between the facility and the turnpike, used for highway drainage. It is a heavily commercialized area with fragmented habitat. For mitigation, the State of NH is proposing that a fee of approximately \$171,000 be paid into the Aquatic Resources Mitigation Fund (ARM) since a qualifying mitigation project does not exist in Nashua.

Mr. Chisholm explained the stormwater management plan and Ms. Balcius pointed out that the area is home to many invasives. Commissioner Sarno asked about an invasive removal plan and was assured that the contractor had expertise in that area to prevent the spread.

Commissioner Dutzy questioned the business case for the expansion since over the years dealerships have expanded greatly in size. She questioned if manufacturers were downshifting the cost of inventorying vehicles to local dealerships, hence increasing the need for more parking. She requested that this be addressed at the next meeting where Tulley will be presenting.

With no further questions being brought forth, Commissioner Darby moved for adjournment; seconded by Commissioner Sarno. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 AM.

Submitted by:
Sherry Dutzy

Date:
January 20, 2026