

Town of Deep River – Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission

Site Walk: 199 Stevenstown Rd, Deep River, CT; Owner Scott Papoosha

April 4th, 2019

- Site walk was called to order by Chairperson at 6:04pm, indicating Site Walk would be recorded for public record. Purpose of the Site Walk is to: investigate unpermitted Regulated Activity that occurred at this site within the last several years; inform the development of potential remediation actions; and inform decision making regarding the Cease and Desist order.
- All attendants stated their names. Present was: Mark Reyher (Enforcement Officer), Tanner Steeves, George Atwood, Mike Tomlinson, John Dube, Carol Libby, Sue Board, Ron Larsen, Bob Doane, Scott Papoosha, Sean Papoosha, Jules Reshford, and Gary Clark.
- Engineer Bob Doane, representing the property owner, produced a printed site plan that was shared with the group throughout the site walk.
- The group began at the west side of the former hayfield near the small stream that runs through the site of interest. The area has been graded. A plastic pipe was installed under the pre-existing cart path to complement or replace an older stone culvert. Water flows from the small central pond, through a stream and wetland area, under the cart path and exits the property.
- Mark Reyher asked Bob Doane to clarify the meaning of several stakes and flags that indicated either wetland edge or some distance to the wetland edge in this area.
- The group walked along the southern edge of the former hayfield and looked over the wood chip berm. The “Natural Diversity Berm” running north-south through the former hayfield was also identified to the group by Doane.
- The group walked to the southeastern corner of the former hayfield and inspected the area where a large amount of fill was deposited (several thousand yards, estimated Doane). The purpose of the fill was to level off the hayfield. The group discussed options for remediating this portion of the property. The area falls within the upland review area. Doane indicated material would be removed and the original grade of the hayfield could be restored.
- The group traveled to the northwestern portion of the site. Less fill was deposited here. Some woody debris and stones had been dumped in the far northwestern corner, though out of the review area, Doane indicated that material could be removed.
- The group traveled back across the “Natural Diversity Berm” and along the cart path located north of the pond. Log length wood is stored here, and woody debris is stockpiled here within the upland review area. Papoosha stated this is the location where the Town deposits its woody material from the Transfer Station.
- The group continued along the cart path to view the pond and the saw mill. The saw mill sits on a cement pad with fuel tank within the upland review area.
- The group continued around the south side of the pond, and returned to the starting point. The group continued discussion of the stream culvert and the potential for contaminants to flow off site.
- The Site Walk was adjourned at approximately 6:50 pm.