

Commission members present: Chair Leanne Miner, Vice Chair William Knee, Pat DeBeer, and Rich Cooper.

Joint Zoning Board site walk at 371 North Road (Map 6 Lot 62-2) for variance request to construct a garage within 100-foot wetland setback

The Zoning Board took minutes as well. The site visit started approximately at 9:02 am. Anna (representative for property owner) showed staked area where garage would extend into buffer. Commission members observed wetland area which included high bush blue berry and wetland fern as wetland plants of interest. Commission members have no objections for stated variance – building location within wetland setback, but offer the following comment for future reviews. The steep grade adjacent to the existing home slopes to the wetland area. The garage will result in additional impervious area and decreased buffer to the wetland. Though not part of the stated variance request, the Conservation Commission strongly advises that further permitting and approvals (e.g., for roadway/driveway) require earthen berm or other best management practice to retain surface/overland drainage flow to the wetland area.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leanne Miner
Chair