

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
O'Leary/Sibley Etna Highlands Road  
SITE VISIT MINUTES  
OCTOBER 21, 2013**

**Present:** Ed Chamberlain, Vicki Smith, Doug McIlroy, Jim Kennedy, Peter Christie

The group visited the proposed dry hydrant location and circumnavigated the existing pond. All agreed that the hydrant is a good idea, but had concerns about where the water removed to lower the pond to facilitate installation of the hydrant would be discharged. When possible this discharge should be directed to uplands.

The small outflow area associated with the pond is a wetland. Wherever the pumped outfall is located will require reinforcement and potential additional disturbance to wetlands.

Suggestions included:

- install the pipe under the small beach area to minimize disturbance of the naturalized pond edge.
- show location and calculate area (length and width) of proposed impacts.
- add a graphical scale to the plan.
- show the top of bank for the pond.
- provide a construction sequence for the project.
- specify an area for soil storage when the excavation work for the project is taking place.
- show proper erosion controls for the disturbed areas and stored materials.
- specify how the vegetation in the disturbed area will be restored.
- if other impacts will occur, show the location, show any wetlands in those areas and provide a calculation of the additional disturbed area both in the wetland and the 75 foot buffer.
- add details about water discharge volume and location when the pond is lowered.
- provide more information on de-watering.

Ed was going to update Mrs. Sibley directly. Vicki will share the group's suggestions with Tim Rockwood and Michael O'Leary.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Vicki Smith