

CONSERVATION COMMISSION



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March 24, 2019
11:00 AM

Site Visit: RDA Christopher Windle, 32-34 Grafton Street
Present: Commissioners D. Flynn, R. Stead, P. DiCicco,
Proponents Representative: Nicole Hayes

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Chairman Flynn brought meeting to order then explained purpose of site visit to affirm and form legally binding statement that agrees or disagrees with Proponents delineation of wetland resource boundary. The Chairman stated that no decisions could be made here and that the visit was to make inquiries and observations for discussion at the continued hearing. Chairman Flynn inquired as to the status of definitively locating the flood plain boundary elevation as per DEP comments. Proponent's Rep. responded that it was under review and would be located on a revised plan if it was not located correctly on the submitted plan.

The Proponents Representative pointed to the 'drainage ditch' discussed in DEP's review and advocated the position that the area is generally on the high ground and does not have any wetland characteristics and is currently moderately dry despite ongoing snowmelt. Proponent's Representative showed the Commissioners the flagging hung to indicate the proposed boundary and briefly explained methodology and offered to provide soil samples using a hand held auger. The Commission walked along the flagged bounds from the high ground with Chairman Flynn occasionally moving to the individual flags. Chairman Flynn remarked that the area was being infested with Japanese knotweed and advocated an eradication effort.

The Commission noted that Wetland location signage installed as per OOC during original development was missing; only one sign could be found. The Commission, with the Proponents Representative, discussed replacing the signs during the current process and perhaps relocating them so as not to be impacted by site activities such as snow plowing that may have been the cause of their removal.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 hrs.

Donald Flynn

Ronald Stead

Paul DiCicco