

**Minutes of the Peterborough Conservation Commission ZOOM Meeting  
September 17, 2020, 4:30 p.m.**

Present: Jo Anne Carr, Matt Lundsted, John Patterson, Francie Von Mertens, Robert Wood; Tyler Ward, Select Board liaison; Danica Malone, Office of Community Development; Chad Branon, Fieldstone Land Consultants

**Cunningham Pond deed restrictions**

Robert Wood confirmed that development plans by the new owners of the "Peterson boathouse parcel" at Cunningham Pond met square footage restrictions stated in the deed. Wood met with the owners, and a few modifications were made to meet the restrictions.

**Peterborough Highland Farm (aka "Stone Barn")**

Chad Branon, Fieldstone Land Consultants engineer representing Peterborough Highland Farm LLC, explained general goals for site plan amendments that will be proposed to the Planning Board in the coming year. A year's extension has been filed to allow time to work on modifications of plans the Planning Board previously approved.

Impacts to the town's Wetlands Protection Overlay Zone (WPOZ) would be reduced by shifting certain buildings at the southern boundary of the developed area northward. Most significantly, this modification could remove an accessway to a carport that would have resulted in a permanent, paved incursion into the WPOZ.

In discussion, Mr. Branon said that the prior density and locavore goals would remain the same. Shifting some planned commercial space to residential would maintain prior approved density.

ConCom members expressed appreciation for being included in the preliminary planning stage and supported goals of lessening impacts to the WPOZ as well as limiting pavement. They supported moving the southernmost stormwater management area eastward to an area overrun with highly invasive Japanese knotweed. Mr. Branon said elevations at that area could make it possible for shifting stormwater treatment.

He repeated the owners' sensitivity to knotweed's invasive qualities, reconfirming best management practices that knotweed would be disposed of onsite.

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