

**DRAFT Minutes of the Peterborough Conservation Commission
Site Visit, October 23, 2021, 10:30 a.m., 327 Windy Row**

Present: Jo Anne Carr, John Kerrick, John Patterson, Francie Von Mertens, Robert Wood

Members met on the site of a Conditional Use Permit application to run utilities underground within an existing dirt driveway at 327 Windy Row. The utility line crosses the Wetlands Protection Overlay Zone (WPOZ).

Members confirmed two crossings:

Wetland "A" on the plans associated with a stream and including a drainage ditch labeled "jurisdictional ditch" on the plans;

Wetland "B"

Commission members confirmed that a third wetland shown on the plans as Wetland "C" is 1,750 s.f. and therefore below the 10,000 s.f. WPOZ jurisdictional threshold.

Landowner and applicant Chris Anderson explained that material excavated to create a two-foot-wide trench would be placed within the roadway to avoid impacts to the WPOZ.

Mr. Anderson explained that the one permanent impact would involve placement of a "pull box" that Eversource requires at specified distances along an underground electrical line. One pull box will result in approximately 100 s.f. of excavation within the overlay zone. Members noted that the associated wetland lies on the other side of the raised driveway, and will not be impacted.

Mr. Anderson received permission from Eversource to change the standard distance for that pull box so that it's sited outside the overlay zone directly related to the wetland on the same side of the drive as the pull box.

As required, silt fencing will be placed along the length of the WPOZ.

Robert Wood will draft comment to the Planning Board as required by town site plan review 233-52-A(4), communicating Conservation Commission consensus that the site plan review application merits Planning Board approval.