

Town of Winchester INLAND WETLAND & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION December 7, 2023 - 4:00 PM

542 West Wakefield Boulevard

Commission Members:

Stephen Molinelli, Chairman
Russell Davenport, Vice Chairman
Jackie Mulvey, Secretary
Jeffrey Lippincott
Gary Paganelli
Mason Kiesewetter
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Frank Oliveri

SITE WALK AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call.

2. New Business.

A. IWWC 23-24

Applicant: Lana Stemler

Location: 542 West Wakefield Boulevard Proposal: New Garage in the review area

Application Received: 11/15/23

Application 65 Day Review Period: 1/19/24

3. Adjourn.

Site walk guidance per the State of Connecticut:

NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS.

If you see something or think of a question, jot it down for later when the hearing is reconvened.

If you absolutely must speak and discuss, bring a tape machine and speak into it. Best to do this prior to the opening of the public hearing (so don't need to transcribe), but you don't always have any choice. If there is a site walk while the public hearing is open, there must be legal notice or announced continuance to a date certain like any other public hearing, even if the site walk is —posted per the Freedom of Information Act. Grimes v. Conservation Commission, 43 Conn. App. 227 (1996; Lavery dissenting).

However, the Commission need not provide personal notice to abutters or other parties of a site visit, Grimes v. Conservation Commission, 243 Conn. 266 (1997), and the absence from a site walk by a Commission member does not disqualify him/her where there was no testimony at the walk, and, at the reconvened hearing, the results of the site walk were discussed by the full Commission. Grimes v. Conservation Commission, 49 Conn. App. 95 (1998).

Stay together. The walk must be open to the public, but it is not a free-for-all. The site walk exists only where the Commission members are walking. Can't force the Commission to view any property except what is relevant to the pending application. Grimes v. Conservation 9 Commission, 49 Conn. App. 95 (1998). You are allowed to use your personal knowledge of a neighborhood or parcel, but say so while the hearing is open.

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