TOWN of WESTON, CONNECTICUT

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Conservation Commission

[DRAFT] WCC Walk Notes – June 7, 2025 7:30a – 9:45a submitted by T. Failla, Conservation Planner., with assistance from M. Jung, WHS Senior intern Present: M. Francois (for all 3 properties); A. Squance (for first 2 properties); A. Cottone (for 3rd property; A. Squance recused). *(see attached document with photos)*

367-369 Georgetown – Storm-damaged, in-stream culvert and bridge repair/replacement. Property owners, Messrs. Grodman and Kusek, were present. Two 60-in culverts were undermined and separated from stone and earth bridge and wing walls first noticed after a storm in mid-March by the property owners. Grumman Engineering (Dean Martin) was engaged to prepare a plan for repair/replacement and assist with an application for a wetlands permit. The crossing is about 10x15 ft, work in stream about 10x35 ft., project area about 60x100 ft. Questions follow:

1. How will underground utilities be addressed during post construction?
2. How will equipment and materials be transported across the stream to the west side staging area.
3. Are the culverts properly sized from the standpoint of stream flow during storms?
4. Has a structural engineer certified the reuse of the culverts and the reconstruction of the wing walls and stone and earthen bridge above the culverts?
5. How will the property owners know the repair and replacement is structurally sound and withstand storm flow?
6. What trees need to be removed? What will be their replacement for stabilizing the embankments around the crossing on both sides and upstream and downstream?
7. What is the plan for removing stone and earthen material covering the culverts? Will all material be reused or will some need to be hauled offsite?
8. What is the plan for anchored guard rails?

90 Old Farm – Site development about 36,000 sf or 42% of 2 acres for 2300 sf footprint single family residence and 2500 sf driveway & parking. Engineer Bryan Nysteriak guided the group. Questions follow:

1. How will drainage in the backyard be handled?
2. What are the plans for tree removal and replacement? What areas will be seeded for lawn? What is the overall landscaping plan for the property, and will invasive plants be addressed?
3. Will any work be undertaken to remove fallen dead wood in the regulated area? Will the area east of the stream remain undeveloped in a natural state?
4. What is the plan for removal of yard waste piled up on the property uphill from the house site?
5. What is the design plan for the five-foot retaining wall?
6. Why does the footing drain bypass the detention system?
7. Please provide a cross section the retaining wall, house and driveway down to the detention system.

23-25 Walden Woods – Abigail Squance for Devore guided the group. About 75 ft boardwalk posts and some decking need repair in swamp (about 34% of the 220 ft BW in swamp; BW and path are about 270 ft). The original BW was permitted for passive recreation by the Commission about 18 years ago. Questions follow:

1. How will work access and equipment/materials staging be protected during project and stabilized afterward?
2. Please provide written description of work sequence, methods and debris protection in swamp.
3. A single silt fence needs to be erected by hand immediately along the length of unpermitted excavation work within the regulated area along a stone wall at the edge of the wetland and debris removed by hand from the wetland side of the stone wall.

367-369 G-Town Storm-Damaged In-Stream Culvert Repair/Replacement – Grodman/Kusek

View east to Rt 57 U/G utilities.

View west down d/w to 2 homes.

Temp wooden planks + stone.

View S. downstream wingwalls & culverts undermined & separated from stone bridge.

View N. Upstream two 60 in culverts upended w/o water flow.

View S. downstream; haybale filters.

W.materials/equipment staging.

N. upstream pump location

S. dewatering area downstream

Culvert downstream edge damage.

Ornamental boulders. No anchored rail. 7-8ft drop

90 Old Farm Site Development - Saini

View N. frontage centerline driveway.

View S. from house to road.

View W. house to septic

View E. from house to detention

View N.E. from house to ridge.

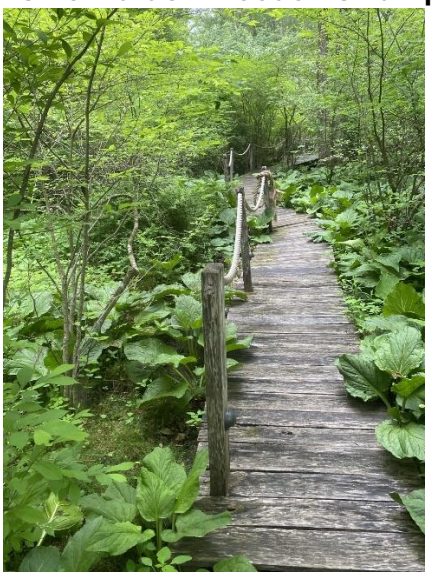
View N. from house debris pile

View N. at W. Branch

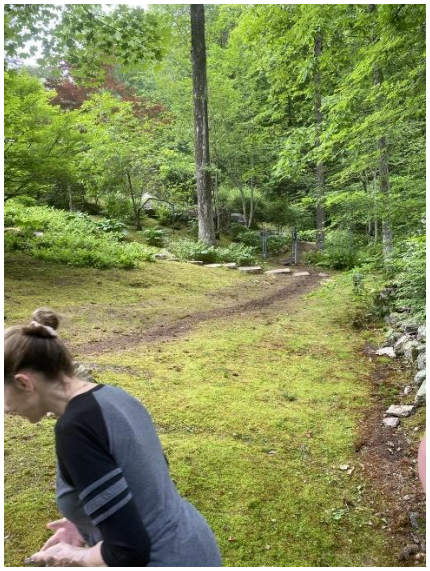
View S. at W. Branch

View E. far side of property

23-25 Walden Woods – Swamp Boardwalk Repair/Replacement – Dupree/DeVore



Failing boardwalk support.



Materials/Equipment staging

Well and pool equipment