

Wetlands Buffer Ordinance Sub Committee Approved Minutes 1-28-15 6:35 pm - Final

- Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary nominated: Steve nominated for Chair, Bruce nominated for vice chair, Tom nominated for Secretary. Unanimous.
- Objectives discussed: Place rule in the hands of the planning board through the conditional use process (draft a warrant articulated) and draft a progressive wetland buffer and setback based on the NH method of functions and values or similar approach. NH Method & ACOE Highway method discussed briefly by Tom.
- Conditional use permit process may be more cumbersome to craft so the committee decided to address the wetlands buffer first.
- Various setbacks and buffers were discussed including septic and well setbacks. All agreed that an additional setback to the buffer should be considered, minimum of 25 ft.
- Bruce suggested we look at several other Town's ordinances. All agreed.
- Meetings were discussed and based on schedules, the next meeting will be February 4th at 6:30 Then March 4th and 18th at 6:30 pm. Then 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30. Tom will advise Chip of the schedule.
- General discussion ensued regarding the NH Method and vernal pools. Steve noted small vernal pools may not get the appropriate buffer due to size. Tom noted EPA and ACOE want 100 ft. buffer regardless of size.
- Steve discussed the town's definition of a buffer. Bruce noted we will need to revise the definition to take out distances.
- Next week's agenda will be: Minutes and discussion of other town's regulations.
- Adjourned at 7:43