

CITY OF NASHUA
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
May 19, 2026
34 Buckmeadow Drive

The site walk was called to order at 5:38 by Chair Dutzy

Roll call by: Commissioner Dutzy

Those Present: Commissioners: Sherry Dutzy, Carol Sarno, Richard Widhu, Will Darby, Dale Carruth, Brandon Pierotti

Others Present: Levent Akinci, Nashua Community Development, Chris Guida, Wetland Scientist, Fieldstone Land Consultants PLLC, Ward 5 Alderwoman Paula Johnson participated in part of walk and viewed remainder of the property on her own, Commissioner Gloria McCarthy (needed to leave before walk began.)

THE FOLLOWING SITE WALK MUST ONLY DISCUSS THE PROPERTY LISTED. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND INFORMATIONAL WALK WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE OWNER AND/OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE. DISCUSSION CONCERNING BUFFER IMPACTS AND ANY RELATED TOPICS ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY WILL BE COVERED. THE WALK SHOULD THEN ADJOURN WITH NO FURTHER DISCUSSION OF CONSERVATION BUSINESS. ALL DECISIONS WILL BE MADE AT AN UPCOMING MEETING AND POSTED ON THE AGENDA ACCORDINGLY. SITE WALK NOTES /MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED AT THAT TIME. DRAFT MINUTES NEED TO BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN ONE WEEK OF THE WALK.

The purpose of the site walk was to view permanent and temporary buffer impacts being proposed to build 7 storage unit buildings. 34 Buckmeadow Drive is a highly disturbed property with a building that is now being used as a warehouse. Wetlands on the property appear to have been created through man-made attempts at water management. This area has undergone re-gentrification over the last 40 years with this area being a remnant of rural land usage in the 1900s. McCarthy Middle School is adjacent to the property.

Commissioners viewed several wetland areas. Commissioners Sarno & Widhu requested that one site be further evaluated for its potential as a vernal pool. Since much of the wetland area was man-made, a discussion ensued as to whether or not such a distinction could affect a decision. It was generally thought that the differentiation wouldn't apply in this scenario. Honeysuckle, garlic mustard, Asian bittersweet and Japanese knotweed were in abundance. The group also noticed amphibian activity and the overgrown property seemed to indicate wildlife habitat activity. Commissioner Sarno questioned a discrepancy she noted in the amount of buffer area to be disturbed and Mr. Guida said he will check it out prior to the next meeting.

As there were no further questions, Commissioner Carruth moved to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Sarno. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Submitted by:
Sherry Dutzy

Date:
May 21, 2026