

DRAFT MINUTES
CITY OF NASHUA
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
June 29, 2026
Roby Park

The site walk was called to order at 5:35 PM by Chair Dutzy

Roll call by: Commissioner Dutzy

Those Present: Commissioners: Sherry Dutzy, Will Darby, Carol Sarno, Brandon Pierotti

Others Present: Alderman John Sullivan, Levent Akinci, Sustainability Planner, Nashua Community Development, Jesse McCarthy, resident, Alex Maclean, Richard Smart, Bryant Chamberlain, members of the public representing the disc golf community.

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 group walked the course to two vernal pools located in the southeast portion of the park where amphibian activity was documented in the spring. Vernal Pool #1 (VP1) is closest to the property line with the basket for hole # 9 located on the 100' vernal pool buffer. Commissioner Sarno requests that the basket be moved at least 20ft closer to the tee. Vernal Pool #2 (VP2) is a little further north between holes 11 and 8. No wetland buffer markers were noted for VP2. Several of the holes have been renumbered from the original course design and some have been relocated due to wetland activity.

Commissioner Dutzy was particularly concerned about the placement of hole 17. The tee shot goes over a large wetland, through several trees, and then doglegs left. It is hard to image not having discs boomerang off trees and land in the wetland. Additionally, Commissioner Darby expressed concern about the second bridge from the entrance (a shared bridge) as it is not immediately obvious from the tee at the first hole using this bridge. This may result in users simply crossing the wetland area directly, instead of using the bridge.

Commissioners expressed concerns about protecting the wetlands from undue disturbance. Ways to do this will be addressed at the next meeting.

The course is very tight and, compared to other family-friendly courses visited by commissioners appears to be designed for tournament play. On the way in a Japanese knotweed plant was identified. Since no knotweed was found on the initial visit by Wetland Scientist Brendan Quigley in 2023 it is assumed that it was introduced through the construction process. Per the invasive species maintenance plan this needs to be addressed.

The group concluded their walk at 6:28 and Commissioner Sarno motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Commissioner Darby.

Submitted by:
Sherry Dutzy

Date:
July 7, 2026