

**ACTION SHEET
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**1 JUNKINS AVENUE
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
EILEEN DONDERO FOLEY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

3:30 P.M.

July 12, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Samantha Collins; Vice- Chair Barbara McMillan;
Members: Allison Tanner, Lynn Vaccaro, Jessica Blasko, Stewart
Sheppard, Adam Fitzpatrick; Alternates: Abigail Gindele and
Brian Gibb

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Peter Britz, Environmental Planner/Sustainability Coordinator and
Kate Homet, Associate Environmental Planner

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I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 14, 2023

*After due deliberation, the Commission voted to **approve** the minutes as amended.*

II. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS (NEW BUSINESS)

1. 198 Essex Avenue
Whitney and Robert Westhelle, Owners
Assessor Map 232, Lot 128

*After due deliberation, the Commission voted to recommend **approval** of the Wetland
Conditional Use Permit to the Planning Board with the following **stipulations**:*

1. Any trees to be removed will be replaced with a similar species type and number trees.
2. Any patio or deck area installed shall be pervious.
3. In accordance with Section 10.1018.40 of the Zoning Ordinance, applicant shall install permanent wetland boundary markers during project construction **along the 25' vegetated buffer**. These can be purchased through the City of Portsmouth Planning and Sustainability Department.
4. Applicant shall provide a report back to the Planning and Sustainability Department one year after vegetated buffer area has been planted, demonstrating at least an 80% survival rate of new plantings.
5. An additional method of infiltration shall be provided for rain barrel overflows.
6. Any increase in impervious surface will require a new wetland conditional use permit.
7. Applicant shall use only dark sky friendly lighting on the exterior of the home.
8. Applicant shall update site plans to indicate exact locations of proposed rain barrels and include a detail sheet showing a cross-section of the proposed deck/patio including details of how

infiltration from the design will occur. These updates shall be approved by the Planning & Sustainability Department prior to submission to the Planning Board.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Joint Work Session Scheduling

Associate Planner Kate Homet explained that there would be a joint work session with the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board to discuss zoning changes. The date for the work session is not scheduled currently.

Chair Collins briefly discussed revisiting the conservations lands sub-committee.

Ms. Homet mentioned that there would be another Climate Action Plan work session on July 31, 2023 in the Levenson Room at the Library.

Ms. Blasko mentioned there will be a Community Conversation event- Monday July 24, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Levenson Room at the Library.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

*At 4:37 p.m., the Commission voted to **adjourn** the meeting.*