



## Town of Wilton, NH Zoning Board of Adjustment MINUTES

**Sunday, June 8, 2025**

**9 AM**

**Tax Map A Lot 058-02**

**Davisville Road**

### ATTENDANCE

**Board Members Present:**

Neil Faiman (chairperson); Joanna Eckstrom (vice-chairperson); Jeff Stone; Peg Duggan (alternate); Linda Jennings (alternate)

**Board Members Absent:**

Andy Hoar; Judith Klinghoffer

**Board Secretary:**

Caryn Case (land use administrator)

**Attendees:**

Nathan Witham (property owner); John Witham; Spencer Tate (Meridian Land Services); Chris Brown (applicant); Richard Kahn; Alan Preston (Wilton Conservation Commission (WCC)); Lynne Pentler

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### SITE VISIT MINUTES

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Faiman called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and read the public notice.

Chairperson Faiman said that what can be done at the meeting should be done at the meeting, and that the purpose of the site visit is for everyone to see what has been presented to better understand what is being talked about at the public hearing on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. He asked everyone to speak one at a time and not carry-on multiple conversations. He asked everyone present to introduce themselves.

Chairman Faiman declared a quorum of the Board was present.

## **2. Nathan Witham (owner) and Chris Brown (applicant)**

### **Case #05/13/2025-02**

*Nathan Witham (owner) and Chris Brown (applicant) have requested a special exception under section 11.4(a) of the Wilton Zoning Ordinance to allow a wetland crossing for a driveway on Lot A-58-2, Davisville Road.*

S Tate, MLS, distributed copies of an 'as-built' plan of the wetlands crossing describing it as an overlay to the project that was constructed. He oriented the group to the plan by way of the stone wall to the southeast, and described the thirty-foot, 24-inch diameter, high density polyethylene (HDPE) culvert positioned at a 2 percent slope. He added that in terms of site conditions, we were looking at an average amount of accumulated water/runoff.

Chairperson Faiman questioned the visibility of 'slash' piles in the wetlands as good practice. S Tate said there was nothing wrong with doing so if there is no soil disturbance. He added that it is a forestry practice to use 'slash' to provide track to reduce ground damage.

Chairperson Faiman observed that there was a limited amount of usable land area immediately off Davisville Road and noted that the wetlands crossing provided accessibility to the rear of the lot which was significantly more usable.

There was discussion on the location of the registered wetland versus the jurisdictional wetland relative to the crossing. Collectively, it was noted that where it is wet, there are wetlands which must be addressed as would be required under wetland regulations.

C Case asked about the runoff onto the neighbor's driveway. N Witham said that it occurs when there has been a significant rain event. He added that the drainage area will become dry in the summer. N Faiman noted that the neighbor's driveway was constructed prior to wetlands crossing regulations and appears to block the natural drainage area. S Tate indicated a culvert to restore the natural flow of water would help that situation. J Witham stated they would be willing to help correct this for their neighbors.

Chairman Faiman called for final questions or comments.

## **3. Adjournment**

Chairman Faiman closed the public site visit at 9:18 a.m.

**APPROVED: June 10, 2025**