

**Town of Blandford  
Conservation Commission Minutes  
September 13, 2021 6:00 PM**

**Commission Members in attendance:** Dick Gates, Colleen Doyle, and Nate Maynard.

**Others in attendance:** Steve and Eilleen Bragg (residents)

**I. New Business**

**a. Drainage issues: Nye Brook Rd / Nye Brook**

Steve and Eilleen Bragg, local residents, brought drainage and runoff issues on Nye Brook Rd. to the attention of the commission. They stated that three years ago the pavement on Huntington Rd. was removed and the road was repaved up to the transfer station. The road beyond the transfer station remained dirt, and with the hill and steep grade, there has been significant runoff and sedimentation into Nye Brook. They stated that the pool at the roadside has slowly been filling with sediment and expressed concerns regarding the ecological effects. The commission will be conducting a site visit to confirm their observations and work with the town highway department to determine ways to mitigate future runoff and sedimentation in the brook.

**b. Hunting Permits**

The commission will be issuing hunting permits for the three conservation parcels: Knittel (10), Shepard Farm (5), and Long Pond (10). R Gates will be running a public notice and interested participants will be able to apply at the next ConCom meeting on 9/27 at 6:00pm. Applicants will need to bring their hunting permits with them to apply. If there are more applicants than permits for a given site, they will be issued via a lottery system.

**II. Ongoing Business**

**a. Update for B. Bernier – Rt. 23**

Follow up from RFD on 7/26 regarding work near Potash Brook. The commission determined that an NOI would need to be submitted for any continued work and that all operations should cease until approved. The commission will be issuing an order of enforcement with a deadline for the NOI submission to ensure it is addressed in a reasonable timeframe.

**b. Update for Belle Fleur-138 Otis Stage Rd. DEP File # 111-0059**

R. Gates has been performing erosion control inspections at project site and stated that they have been in compliance with nearly all controls except for a gap between stakes #646 and #654. Project coordinators stated that it will be addressed asap.

c. **Long Pond Trail Development**

R Gates proposed the idea of reaching out to the Hilltown Hikers group to inquire about potential collaboration on trail development. He will be following up.

d. **Shepard Farm**

N Maynard plans on attending upcoming Historical Commission meeting to discuss ways that the two commission can collaborate and discuss future steps for the Shepard Farm conservation site.

e. **Review of Minutes**

R Gates made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from 8/9/21. Motion was seconded by C Doyle and unanimously approved.

Allen Doyle  
John A. Ryan  
Joe M.  
M.  
Richard W. Gates