

**Town of Blandford
Conservation Commission Minutes
August 28, 2023 6:00 PM**

Commission Members in attendance: Dick Gates, Colleen Doyle, John Piper, and Nate Maynard. Nick Pietroniro – Town Conservation Agent.

I. Continuing Business

a. Update - Belle Fleur (File# 111-0059)

ConCom will be reaching out to Belle Fleur representatives to setup a site inspection in the upcoming with weeks.

- The goal is to review site stabilization and erosion controls and for the town's new Conservation Agent, Nick Pietroniro, to become familiar with the project site and issue recommendations.

b. Update – Conway School project for Shepard Farm

The town's Historical Commission is planning to recover and save components from the farm (i.e. door knobs, hardware, and any relics).

- There is discussion to potentially move the barn or shed to the fairgrounds.
- The goal is to complete recovery of historical items of interest by the spring and then to focus on recreational opportunities for the parcel.

c. Update – Long Pond Conservation Area

Gravel has been dropped at the parking location off of North Blandford Rd. but still needs to be spread.

- D Gates will be discussing with D Waldron regarding gravel.
- Trail still needs to be flagged for preliminary steps in building a trail. Goal to begin this process this fall.

d. Update – Mass DOT Request for COC – (File# 111-0055)

N Pietroniro will be looking over the past paperwork regarding this project to help finalize and settle the request for COC.

II. Other

a. Conservation Agent Office Hours

Our new town Conservation Agent, Nick Pietroniro, will be holding office hours from 5-6pm prior to the start of the regularly held ConCom meetings

*Dick W. Gates
Colleen Doyle
John Piper
Nate Maynard*