



## Littleton Conservation Commission

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### SITE WALK REPORT

15 Powers Road

Enforcement Order

Present: Amy Green (Conservation Agent)

Michael Livingston (Commissioner)

Kyle Maxfield (Commissioner)

John McGeoghean (Property Owner)

Date of site walk: July 28, 2024; 7:30 am

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Kyle Maxfield and Michael Livingston attended with Conservation Agent Amy Green; owner John McGeoghean was present.

Figures 1-4 show the top of slope area, with rhododendron as reference point. There is some erosion in new part of driveway (Figure 3) but the sediment appears to be going into the slopeside boulders and is not showing at bottom of slope. 2019 septic plan shows rhododendron and end of driveway in 50-foot buffer zone. Boulders in Figure 2 currently demarcate edge of yard use. Yard includes swing set, shed and assorted storage of materials as typically shown in Figure 4.

Figures 5-8 show the bottom of the slope. The slope is not 100% vegetated and parts consist of boulders and other rubble. No erosion was visible.

Mr. McGeoghean discussed that he was able to get grindings from adjacent road work and used them to widen the driveway. He says he did not change the toe of slope, but just steepened it. He asked about the fines and Ms. Green suggested he talk to a lawyer and he said he would be appealing within the required time frame. It was discussed that, depending how things advance, the Commission could waive or reduce the fees or, conversely, could start daily ticketing again. It was discussed that the work was in the 50-foot No Disturb Area and that if the work is to remain it would need a Waiver from the Bylaw and that the public benefit would be the biggest hurdle.

Old wetland flags were not visible. Ms. Green hung some approximate edge of wetland flags for reference, but soils were not investigated. It was not determined if the three trees that show on the 2019 plan in the general vicinity of the septic system are still present or not.

Mr. McMeoghean said that he will attend the August 6 meeting via Zoom.

**Figure 1. View from road. Arrow at rhododendron. Line shows approximate extent of original driveway**



**Figure 2. View from back of house looking south. Arrow at rhododendron**





**Figure 3. Some erosion in widened driveway. No sediment at toe of slope**



**Figure 4. Some structures (shed, swing set) behind house**





**Figure 5. Bottom of slope at north end. Sparse vegetation but no apparent erosion; vegetated slope further along. Flat area vegetated**



**Figure 6. Bottom of slope at north end. Sparse vegetation but no apparent erosion**





**Figure 7. Toe of slope along side of expanded driveway**



**Figure 8. Boulders and other material forming slope**

