

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
BRYAN MEMORIAL TOWN HALL
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INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION SITE INSPECTION REPORT

- I. APPLICATION # IW-21-24 & IW-21-25 INSPECTION DATE: 5/4/21
- II. NAME: Audrey Meyer TIME: 4:00 pm
- III. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 76 Shearer Rd/ 106 Shearer Rd
- IV. REASON FOR APPLICATION: Draw down & dredge pond, remove invasive plants & reseed disturbed areas.
- V. COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Branson, Larry Gendron, Charles Lamuniere, Bob Papsin, Joline Audet
- VI. OTHERS PRESENT: Darrin Willenbrock, Kit Lundberg
- VII. OBSERVATIONS: Site inspection participants met at 76 Shearer Rd first, at the edge of the field which contained the pond. It was immediately evident that the invasive species, noted as phragmites, had encircled and overtaken the pond. Darrin noted that there was an old existing temporary road coming off Shearer Rd onto the property and he would utilize this approximate 45' long accessway for equipment and vehicle traffic. The pond would be drawn down via pump and an excavator would be used to dredge the edges of the pond to remove all the phragmites. The newly removed, wet material would be stockpiled on site with a proper silt fence installed per the application. As the material dried, it would be removed via dump truck. Once work onsite was completed, the disturbed area would be reseeded. The participants walked down towards the pond and around it to more closely view the conditions. A request for detail on a maintenance plan for ongoing future control was made. The commission also requested more specifics on the removal of the dredged pond material, the company it will use to transport out and the written recommendation of their pond specialist who advised on the best method of treating/removing the phragmites.

The participants then moved on to 106 Shearer Rd, an adjoining property with the same owners. Approximately 40-50' from the pond's edge, the owners propose to set 6 wooden benches per the drawing into the gently climbing landscape. Some minor hand dug excavation will occur to level the area for each bench so it sits level. Native stepping stones going down to the area will be set on a stone dust base and levelled into the grade. Kit, the gardener, noted that native plants will be used in any disturbed areas alongside the steps to anchor the soil.

Respectfully submitted,

Joline Audet 5/8/21

SITE INSPECTION COMPLETION TIME: 5:15 pm