

Salem Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission
Special Meeting

Date: 6/16/09

Time: 1700

Location: 190 Round Hill Rd

Purpose: Site Walk – Review wetlands violation

Members: Present (Y/N) Guests: Vinnie

E. Belt	N
D. Khan-Bureau	N
(Vacant) (A)	N
R. Phillips	Y
L. Wildrick	Y
G. Ziegra	Y
W. Leuck	N
S. Snyder	Y
G. Balavender (A)	Y
E. Natoli (A)	N
M. Chinatti (WEO)	Y

1. Meeting opened by Ziegra at 5:07 pm.
2. Motion to seat Gale Balavender for Eric Belt by Linda Wildrick and seconded by Sally Snyder; passed unanimously
3. Entered property on driveway at 190 Round Hill Rd

Concerns: the outlet to the pond and the white pvc pipe inlet

The pipe inlet is a crushed, approx. 8” pvc pipe conveying drainage from the quarry side of the property. The discharge appeared to be clear and clean. It is located just east or north of the midpoint of the pond on the quarry side. It sits about 3-4’ below the surface of the graded and grassed area, several feet above the bottom of the pond with large stone.

The pond outlet at the west or south end nearest the quarry entrance is set higher than the pond bottom. The channel is covered by several large rock slabs. Water discharging from the pond appeared to be clear but the streambed was coated with bright, brown silt. The channel is about 1-2’ wide. It meanders around the trees, bounded by stones that appear to have been pushed into place. The stream widens a bit as you go downstream, with clear evidence of siltation. The channel eventually dissipates into wetlands on the hillside across from the residence.

Just below the residence along the driveway is a wire grate-covered sump on the eastern side which catches sediment runoff from the driveway that is then piped to an inlet on the western side of the driveway where it discharges downhill and supposedly outlets from a 12” or 18” black corrugated plastic pipe towards the bottom of the driveway where it continues through a drainage ditch along the western side of the driveway. The ditch is also covered with sediment. A cross-culvert takes this flow back underneath the driveway towards the wetlands on the eastern side. Mary Ann observed that the ponded area in the woods to which this drainage drains appeared dark with sediment deposits. As you continue downhill, silt and sediment were observed blanketing the wetlands all the way towards the road.

At the bottom of the driveway, the wetlands on the eastern side ultimately discharge through a stone culvert underneath the driveway and into a flush, grated catchbasin which discharges flows underneath Round Hill Rd to the Zemko Pond property. Roger and Mary Ann observed silt in the wetlands all along the brook downstream of the discharge area, about 100’ in. The property had wetlands flags but no flag numbers. Linda, Sally and Gale also observed the silt.

Motion to adjourn made by Sally Snyder and seconded by Linda Wildrick; passed unanimously – Adjourned 5:45 pm.

Meeting minutes by Sally Snyder