

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

October 28, 2023

SITE WALK

Frederick Cornelius – 1509 Farmington Avenue

The site walk began at approximately 9:00am.

Present were Commissioners Berlandy, Fox, Isner, Kelsey, Statchen, Town Planner Shannon Rutherford, and Senior Assistant Town Planner Cyr. No one was present for the applicant.

The site walk began in the rear Town Hall Parking Lot (1 Monteith Drive). Senior Assistant Town Planner Cyr gave the Commissioners a brief overview of the application and the request by the applicant along with utilizing the Town GIS to get an understanding of the locations of the FEMA floodway and floodplain. Everyone then walked over to the property at 1509 Farmington Avenue, and proceeded along the accessway to the bottom of the hill to the location of the home foundation remains. The Commissioners noted the equipment and material stored onsite. The Commissioners then proceeded through the breach in the berm, out to the edge of the Farmington River. The Commissioners noted the presence of the fill which included water pipe, brown stone and blue stone retaining sections of the fill, foundation remains, and broken painted concrete slabs (possibly from the old home). The Commissioners expressed concerns due to the age of the home, whether the paint could be lead and questioned whether the remaining rubble can be classified as clean fill.

The Commissioners noted the debris and damage to the vegetation along the edges of the river, indicating the potential recent highwater elevation of the river, and the area that was filled may have been partially submerged. The Commission also noted an area of the fill that was starting to fail evidence by the crack along the top edges of the fill.

The site walk ended at approximately 9:30am.