

WALLINGFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Special Meeting

Saturday, November 22, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Cliffside Trail – Beseck Mountain Open Space Property

Off Cliffside Drive, Wallingford, CT

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MINUTES

Commissioners gathered at Cliffside Drive on Beseck Mountain Open Space Property at the beginning of Cliffside Trail located between 45 Cliffside Drive & 47 Cliffside Drive. There was not the quorum necessary to hold a Commission Meeting, however, given that the public had been notified by the posting of the site and the purpose of the Meeting and in consideration of the fact that members were here on behalf of the full Commission, a Committee Meeting was then convened by Chair Makepeace.

1. Roll Call - Chair Conor Makepeace, Dianne Saunders, Jim Pyskaty, and Erin O'Hare, Environmental Planner
2. Site walk - Chair Makepeace called the Committee Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and indicated the purpose of this Committee Meeting is to observe site conditions and property lines in the vicinity of the lower trail. It was raining. Work involved identifying property boundaries in the lower area – along the western and eastern sides of the lower portion of the trail - using GPS equipment. Ms. O'Hare gave some background to explain the large deposition of small boulders across the wetlands area which she understood to have been deposited years prior to acquisition by the Town by an owner determined to build a residence on the ridgetop. Chair Makepeace found the corner metal pin under some growth. He recorded GPS coordinates using the new GPS equipment. All then observed how much of the trail in use was, in fact, located on the 47 Cliffside Drive parcel. Members agreed they could complete the re-routing work and that the Town property boundaries will have to be clearly marked moving forward. Once Chair Makepeace provides Ms. O'Hare a drawing of the proposed re-route, Ms. O'Hare will need to refer the proposal to Kenny Michaels, Director, Parks & Recreation, for his review.
3. Adjournment - Chair Makepeace adjourned the Meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin O'Hare, Environmental Planner
Acting Recording Secretary