

**DRAFT**  
**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**FIELD TRIP MINUTES**  
**Monday, December 14, 2009 at 9:00 am**

**Attendance:**

**Commissioners:** Martin Yellin, Ralph Field, Fergus Porter, William Blaufuss, Patricia Shea

**Staff:** Alicia Mozian, Conservation Director, Colin Kelly, Compliance Officer

1. **9:15 am 10 Twin Bridge Acres Rd.** Application #IWW, WPL-8559-09 by Land-Tech Consultants, Inc. on behalf of Thomas Wimmer to legalize 380 sq.ft. of a brick paver patio, on-grade, layed in sand, wall and fireplace in the vicinity of a previously approved stone/brick patio. Portions of the work are within the upland review area setback, the 25 year floodplain of the WPLO area of the West Branch of the Saugatuck River.

Alicia explained the purpose of the site walk was for orientation purposes only and that discussion of the merits of the case were to be reserved for the public hearing. Using the site plan she oriented the commissioners to the proposed activities relative to the WPLO boundary. Using a tape measure, Mr. Kelly demonstrated which section of the patio were in the 30 ft wetland setback. The commissioners observed the construction of the patio to try and determine if it were permeable. Mr. Kelly noted that even though we had just had significant rainfall the day before, the patio and the ground around it were relatively dry. They also noted the width of the vegetative buffer that had been installed as a condition of the previous permit. They noted the gutter outfalls for the new addition and where additional drainage and plantings might be installed for the patio expansion.

Dr. Yellin left the meeting at 9:40 am

2. **5 Wakeman Acres** – Notice of Violation: tree clearing in upland adjacent to wetland

Ms. Mozian and Mr. Kelly pointed out the Conservation Easement that had been established at the 20ft non-disturbance setback pursuant to the approval for house construction. Tree clearing activity that took place outside the easement was noted including the tree stumps that remained, the stockpiled logs, the erosion that had begun to occur on the slope directly uphill from the wetland, the woodchips that had been spread near the cutting in the southwest section of the upland and the backhoe that was present on the site. Two silt fences were installed that had been requested by staff the week before. The property owner, Mr. Stone, was present and stated that a restoration plan was being prepared by his landscaper and would be available later in the day.