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## Conservation Commission

[DRAFT] WCC Walk Notes – Dec. 2, 2023, 8 a.m. submitted by T. Failla, Conservation Planner

Present: K. Brendsel, M. Lubell, A. Squance, commissioners

9 Meadowbrook [CC-23-23-COM] – Ted Milone of Redniss Mead representing property owner, Jessica Rave Garcia, who was also present with her husband, guided commissioners around the property and pointed out flagged wetlands and features of proposed activities of a pool, patio, in-place drainage system and related pool equipment as depicted in the Site Development Plan Oct. 23, 2023 by Redniss & Mead. Mr. Milone noted that Eversource requested a utility pole near the pond at the entrance of the property be moved northerly, further away from the pond and closer to the driveway into the property. He also noted that the property owners requested an alternative construction equipment access easterly to avoid removing a large clump of forsythia. He also said another approach might be possible to the west where the grade was less steep and trench would be dug for underground utility wires coming from the relocated utility pole. Questions for discussion at the Dec. 14 meeting for more details on plans to finish a pillar at the entrance to the property and remove the one off the property and what kind of E&S controls would be needed. Another question was raised about proposed pool proximity to the house foundation and whether the foundation would withstand the pool weight and hydro forces.

18 Kettle Creek [CC-23-24-COM] – Krysztof Gudas greeted the commissioners and then left them to walk the property on their own. The conservation planner pointed out the wetlands flags and noted that upland area had been cleared of trees and regraded with fill material delivered to property prior to filing and application. It was noted that the soil was nutrient lacking and established lawn turf was difficult leading to erosion especially in steeper areas leading to the wetlands. Question were raised about top-dressing to increase lawn establishment. It was noted wood chips and leaf litter were the only E&S controls on run off. For the most part these controls were preventing sediment from reaching the wetlands. For discussion at the Dec. 14 meeting of how the lawn would be established and the proposed planting plan and what E&S controls are recommended plantings by the applicant's expert to protect the wetlands during the time it takes to establish lawn and new plants.