

**NORTHFIELD PLANNING BOARD  
SITE WALK  
NOVEMBER 19, 2005**

**MINUTES**

Members present: Doug Read, Steve Bluhm, Dick Maher, Bill Dawson, Christopher Hunt, Fran LaBranche, Glen Brown. Also present: Alan Clark and Lee Tessier REI, Paul Zarnowski, Surveyor, Lisa Martin, Jean Thompson, Mary Todt, Janice Romano, Charlie Theroux and Eliza Conde, Secretary.

Lisa Martin explained the existing water flow issues, the plans for a detention pond on Bert Southwick's land and the right of way to that pond across the proposed development. Water from the development is to be drained down Zion Hill Road with improved culverts, drainage swales, etc and extended to Forrest Road. It was suggested that REI install larger than necessary pipes for future increase in flowage, try to retain water on the lots themselves and build sequentially to avoid major impact on the drainage.

Planning Board members expressed concern about removal of the stone wall and trees along the road, changing the rural look of the area. REI explained that in order to make the site distance and drainage improvements the town is requesting, the wall and trees will have to be removed.

Meeting adjourned and continued until Dec. 14.

Eliza Conde, Secretary