



## **Rochester Conservation Commission & Town Forest Committee**

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### **Rochester Wetlands Bylaw Policies**

#### **1. Re-advertising of Public Hearings and Re-notification of Abutters**

Applications that are continued for five public hearings at the request of the applicant will require re-advertising and re-notification of abutters.

#### **2. Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) submittals**

All plans submitted with ANRAD applications shall be stamped by a Professional Land Surveyor (PLS). Wetland flagging and numbering shall be refreshed in the field at the time of the application.

#### **3. Tree Removal Permits (valid until 01/04/2023)**

The Commission recognizes that close proximity dead, dying and compromised trees can pose safety and property damage issues in some situations. The Commission has established a "Tree Removal Request Protocol" to facilitate the Commission's prompt administrative review of these situations. In some situations, the Commission may approve tree removals administratively. In others, the Commission may decide that a more formal RDA or NOI is required. Even in the instance of a prior Administrative Approval, the Commission may decide a more formal process is required. This administrative review process is optional and is not a prerequisite to the filing of a formal RDA or NOI. The Tree Removal Request Protocol is available at the office of the Conservation Administrator and may be modified by a simple vote by the Commission at a regularly scheduled meeting.

#### **4. Permit Recording Policy**

The Commission will record all required permits for the applicant after receiving the appropriate fee for the registry and the \$25 fee for the Town for recording the permit. Once the applicant has received the recorded document from the Registry, proof of recording with the recording information on it shall be sent to the Conservation Commission office.