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MEMO TO: Paula Vaughn-MacKenzie, Director of Planning and Land Use

FROM: Michele Grzenda, Conservation Director

DATE: February 19, 2026

RE: Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment, Section 12.2 W-Wetland and Watershed Protection District

At the Conservation Commission's February 18, 2026 meeting, the Commission discussed the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment to remove Section 12.2, W-Wetland and Watershed Protection District. Commissioners agreed that Section 12.2 relies on outdated wetlands maps and is inconsistent with current wetland protection regulations. The Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (310 CMR 10.00) and the Town of Lincoln Wetlands Protection Bylaw (Article XVIII) provide much greater protection of Lincoln's wetland resource areas and buffer zones than Section 12.2.

The Commission voted to endorse Warrant Article #34 removing Section 12.2 from Lincoln's Zoning Bylaws.

I will be happy to discuss this with the Planning Board members at their February 24th meeting.