

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 24, 2025 – 6:30PM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm.
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2. Roll Call & Seating of Alternates. Present: Vivian Garfein, Larry Burcroff, Sally Spillane, John Landon, Tracy Brown (Alternate), Russ Conklin (Alternate), John Harney (Alternate), Abby Conroy (Land Use Director), Miles Todaro (Land Use Tech Specialist) and Georgia Petry (Recording Secretary). Absent: Cary Ullman. R. Conklin was appointed Voting Alternate for C. Ullman. Maria Grace arrived later after the roll call.
3. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by S. Spillane, seconded by J. Landon and unanimously **Approved.**
4. **Approval of Minutes of March 10, 2025 – Tabled** to next meeting.
5. Public Comment – Curtis Rand thanked the IWWC for all of their work and is looking forward to the Public Hearings.
6. Discussion of Regulation Amendments & Guidance Materials
Regulation Amendments
V. Garfein asked for any concerns or issues to be brought up now. A. Conroy noted that she had corrected a typo on Line 212 which should read ...“subsections b – h below”; a definition of vegetation was added also. V. Garfein noted that the time for input from the lake associations, regarding any changes to the 75’ URAs, will be during the Public Hearing process. L. Burcroff asked if the IWWC would vote at the Public Hearing; V. Garfein answered yes and A. Conroy explained that only Seated Members of the IWWC can vote at that time. T. Brown asked about floodplains; A. Conroy commented that delineations don’t always follow flood zones. V. Garfein commented that the Regulations and Permitted Activities are separate documents and will be voted on that way. A. Conroy talked about some of the definitions coming from the CT DEEP that were recommended for adoption by Attorney Janet Brooks. A. Conroy also noted that the website will be updated with the FAQs, when the Bylaws and Fee Schedule become effective; V. Garfein added that all is pending on the adoption of the Regulations. A. Conroy commented that there is an on-line application form that is test-ready and would like applicants to test it in the coming months.
A Motion to Accept the Draft Regulations for Referral to Public Hearing, was made by S. Spillane and seconded by L. Burcroff. Vote: L. Burcroff – Aye; S. Spillane – Aye; J. Landon –

Aye; C. Ullman (Absent), R. Conklin – Aye; M. Grace – Aye; V. Garfein – Aye. The vote was unanimous in Favor. The target date for the Public Hearing will be May 12, 2025.

“Allowed” Activities Not Requiring a Permit

- Regarding Lines 25-28 a., there was a lengthy discussion about the size of a buffer between a wetland resource and any lawn area including: stating an actual number of feet or not; using the wording recommended or suggested; providing a citation for reference or not. V. Garfein asked to continue the discussion later on in the meeting.
- Regarding Lines 32-45 c. and d., S. Spillane suggested having d. “herbicides” included with c. “pesticides”, instead of having them listed separately; R. Conklin pointed out that they are different activities. J. Landon commented that having d. “herbicides was OK; L. Burcroff agreed.
- Regarding Lines 53-56 f., V. Garfein noted that they need to decide on a specific number of trees involved; there was general agreement on 5 trees. (At this time, M. Grace was no longer in the meeting, due to loss of cell phone service.) Discussion to be continued.
- Regarding Lines 56-58 g., T. Brown asked why 500 sq. ft. was used; R. Conklin offered an explanation, using an example from P&Z.

New Business

7. #2025-IW-048 / Maureen and William Barton / 15 + 15A Slater Road / Hydroraking / Map 23 / Lot 58-2 / DOR: 3/10/2025

The application was described as similar to the ones from West Twin Lake a couple of years ago. R. Conklin commented that he has done site visits and they want permission to hydrorake about 30’ of 730’ of lake frontage; the area will be tarped, instead of using silt fencing. L. Burcroff asked how much material would be removed; R. Conklin answered it would be an area 30’ by 30’. The spoils will be deposited on the shore and removed by the contractor.

8. #2025-IW-049 / Tara and Edward Frischling / 42 Slater Road / Hydroraking / Map 68 / Lot 6 / DOR: 3/10/2025

R. Conklin described the area of the proposed work; they want to hydrorake 30’ of 830’ of lake frontage and will not remove the cattails. A. Conroy asked if these applications align with the larger group; R. Conklin answered yes and asked that they be approved for this year. **A Motion to Approve Application #2025-IW-048 and #2025-IW-049 for One-Year Permits**, was made by L. Burcroff and seconded by J. Landon. **The Motion was Approved, with one Abstention** by R. Conklin.

9. #2025-IW-050 / Noelle G. Becker, Trustee (Pat Hackett) / 36 South Shore Road / Install a New Septic System / Map 59 / Lot 09 / DOR: 3/24/2025
- No one was present to represent the application – **Tabled** to the next meeting.

74 “Allowed” Activities Not Requiring a Permit discussion continued

- 75 • Regarding Line 52 f., M. Grace’s comments were recalled by V. Garfein; L. Burcroff
76 agreed.
- 77 • Regarding Lines 25-28 a., there was further discussion including: whether to put in a
78 specific number of feet; whether to cite a resource link; whether to encourage a “no-
79 mow” area. There was no consensus; V. Garfein asked that they come back to the
80 discussion at the next meeting.

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82 10. Enforcement Discussion – A. Conroy noted that she has additional work to do on this.

83 **Adjournment. So Moved** by S. Spillane, seconded by L. Burcroff and unanimously **Approved**. The
84 meeting ended at 8:10pm.