

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 23, 2026 – 6:30PM (REMOTE)

- 1 1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm.
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- 3 2. Roll Call. Present: Vivian Garfein, Larry Burcroff, Russ Conklin, John Harney, Sally Spillane, Maria
- 4 Grace, Tracy Brown, Abby Conroy (Land Use Director), Miles Todaro (Land Use Tech Specialist)
- 5 and Georgia Petry (Recording Secretary).
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- 7 3. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by S. Spillane, seconded by L. Burcroff, **With All in Favor.**
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- 9 4. **Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2026. So Moved** by L. Burcroff, seconded by R. Conklin, **With**
- 10 **All in Favor.**
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- 12 5. **Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2026. So Moved** by R. Conklin, seconded by S. Spillane, **With**
- 13 **All in Favor.**
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- 15 6. Public Comment – None
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- 17 7. #IWWC-26-11 / 32 Valley Road / Map 02, Lot 41 / Owner/Applicant: Trudy Kramer / Agent: Cole
- 18 Leibrock / Fill in Existing Man-made Pond / DOR: 02/23/2026
- 19 A Site Visit was scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2026 at 4:30pm.
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- 21 8. #IWWC-25-82 / 250 & 251 Canaan Road / Map 16, Lot 05 & Map 15, Lot 41 / Owner/Applicant:
- 22 Salisbury School Inc / Agents: Dawn Marti and Ken Romeo / Underground Pedestrian Tunnel
- 23 Beneath Route 44 / DOR: 01/12/2026
- 24 Ken Romeo mentioned that they had received comments from Eng. Tom Grimaldi late in the
- 25 afternoon; the Engineering Conditions of Approval included a new comment #7, without items
- 26 b. and c. A. Conroy asked how involved Tom Grimaldi should be; Mr. Romeo responded that the
- 27 WMC certified inspector will be on-site with the DOT. V. Garfein wanted to focus on the impact
- 28 to the wetlands area, with the report from R. Conklin and L. Burcroff; options previously
- 29 discussed were expansion of the riparian area or wetlands mitigation. R. Conklin reported that
- 30 the wetlands soil area is a depression in the middle of a mowed lawn; he prefers the expansion
- 31 of the riparian area, along with the recommendation to stop mowing in that area. R. Conklin
- 32 questioned the access to the stockpile area, as there is protection for 3 trees identified. L.
- 33 Burcroff had questions about material in the stockpile, the leech field, and invasives; he
- 34 suggested pulling back the mowed area and getting rid of invasives. Bob Barneschi, WMC,

35 commented that about 1,100 sq. ft. in the mitigation area will no longer be mowed. S. Spillane
36 asked if there would be buffer plantings; Mr. Barneschi answered, no, not necessary as the area
37 will naturalize over time. L. Burcroff commented that invasives would fill in the wider area. Mr.
38 Barneschi commented that they can work around the trees and protect one additional impact
39 area, a proposed diversion area for enhanced water quality. V. Garfein and S. Spillane suggested
40 considering the root systems of the trees. S. Spillane asked about soil removal; Mr. Barneschi
41 answered yes, there would be slight excavation to remove soils. L. Burcroff asked how close the
42 riprap would come to the brook; Mr. Barneschi answered it would come right up to the
43 wetlands and will have a little natural pool. S. Spillane asked if Tom Grimaldi was OK with these
44 plans; Mr. Barneschi answered yes. L. Burcroff commented that the stream is narrow and deep
45 and comes out of the pond across the street, which has phragmites. S. Spillane and L. Burcroff
46 agreed that an effort to get rid of invasives would help offset the impact. A. Conroy noted that
47 there will be escrow for Tom Grimaldi to do 3 inspections; the no-mow mitigation area; removal
48 of invasives along the entire work area; and 6" of mulch along any roads going through the trees
49 to the stockpile area. A. Conroy read the Conditions of Approval. A **Motion to Approve**
50 **#IWWC-25-82, With All Conditions of Approval**, was made by S. Spillane, seconded by L.
51 Burcroff, **With All in Favor**.

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53 9. #IWWC-26-8 / 11 Route 7 / Map 04, Lot 31-1 / Owner: Delbert L Auray Jr Trustee / Applicant:
54 Patrick Mulberry / Construction of New Garage/Workshop with One Bedroom Living Quarters /
55 DOR: 02/9/2026
56 Site Visit Observations:
57 L. Burcroff commented that he was amazed by the number of trees cut down close to the river
58 and the wetlands; a large area was denuded of forest and it was shocking. S. Spillane
59 commented that there are 2 issues; one is the building site which needs remediation and the
60 other is the trees that were taken down in the wetlands. S. Spillane also questioned how much
61 of the property is in Sharon and if they should be alerted; A. Conroy commented that she had
62 done that, including sending a link to the application. A. Conroy described the aerial photos that
63 had been provided and noted that it was difficult to identify the wetlands, because they hadn't
64 been flagged. V. Garfein commented that she wants to address the wetlands area and the
65 proposed site for the structure separately. S. Spillane mentioned that 70 trees had been
66 removed from the site, many of them close to the river. T. Brown asked about the quality of the
67 buffer remaining. V. Garfein suggested talking about the wetlands side of the property first. R.
68 Conklin commented that the work had been done without approval and disregard for the
69 wetlands; he expressed that no stump removal should be done and to stop disturbing the
70 surface. R. Conklin added that they should minimize surface damage with debris removal and
71 have a restoration plan for the wetlands; tree stumps should be leveled and left there. V.
72 Garfein suggested the IWWC should issue a Consent Order, an enforcement action; A. Conroy
73 agreed, saying it would involve an escrow from the applicant, as well as a professional plan for
74 remediation. A. Conroy added that is the preferred option and agreed that there are 2 separate
75 issues: the remediation through a Consent Order and then restoration of riparian area at the

76 building site, as a condition of permit. S. Spillane asked if a tree count was taken; Patrick
77 Mulberry answered yes, he had counted about 110 stumps on the wetlands side of the driveway
78 and 70 stumps on the house site, a total of 180 trees taken down. V. Garfein asked if the site
79 could be bifurcated, perhaps asking Atty. Janet Brooks. A. Conroy commented that they should
80 separate the enforcement from the permit, because the permit would have conditions to be
81 met. Most members agreed that there are 2 separate issues. S. Spillane and T. Brown
82 suggested including the 100 year flood plain for the benefit of augmenting the buffer in this
83 effort. A. Conroy suggested the flood plain should be included in the Consent Order, as well as
84 the 150' URA and the wetlands area; the building area would be considered separately. A.
85 Conroy and V. Garfein suggested having Tom Grimaldi review the plans; an extension of time is
86 needed from the applicant. Mr. Mulberry agreed that a Consent Order, along with an
87 explanation of what the IWWC wants, makes sense. A. Conroy indicated that the Consent Order
88 and the request to Tom Grimaldi could be done at the same time. Mr. Mulberry asked if his
89 proposed management plan had been reviewed. S. Spillane commented that there would be
90 too many wood chips to distribute; A. Conroy pointed out that they may not be able to
91 authorize that activity, as it could be in the Sharon URA. T. Brown asked about leaving trees on
92 the ground; A. Conroy suggested having the installation of silt fence, as wood chips can wash
93 out. A. Conroy will put together the draft Consent Order and distribute to the applicant and
94 owner; the plans will be reviewed again at the next meeting on April 13, 2026. S. Spillane
95 suggested that Greg Murphy should focus on remediation plans and A. Conroy suggested the
96 planting plans for the riparian area; Mr. Mulberry commented that Mr. Murphy had been hired
97 to do the planting plans for the entire site. V. Garfein wants Tom Grimaldi's input on the
98 floodplain mitigation in the riparian area. The applicant will give an extension of time.

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100 10. #IWWC-26-13 / 37 Bostwick Street / Map 19, Lot 50 / Owner: Salisbury Housing Committee /
101 Applicant: Pat Hackett / Agent: Scot Dean / Outside Work associated with renovation of 3
102 apartment residence / DOR: 03/09/2026
103 V. Garfein recused herself from discussion and vote. Pat Hackett described new details
104 addressing concerns and the scope of the application. S. Spillane's questions were answered.
105 Mr. Hackett noted that the dumpsters would be 56' from the brook now. **A Motion to Approve**
106 **#IWWC-26-13, With the Standard Conditions**, was made by S. Spillane, seconded by L. Burcroff,
107 **With All in Favor.**

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109 11. #IWWC-26-14 / Request to Renew #2023-IW-002 for Restoration and Maintenance by Hydro-
110 raking at Multiple Properties Bordering on West Twin Lake / Applicant: Russ Conklin / DOR:
111 03/23/2026 / Request for One Year Renewal
112 A total of 7 properties applied this year. L. Burcroff asked if this is the third year; Mr. Conklin
113 answered yes. V. Garfein asked if they are all in the same area; Mr. Conklin answered yes, they
114 would use 1 ramp and the same Solitude contractor. L. Burcroff asked how long the piles sit;
115 Mr. Conklin answered, it varies about 4-5 weeks after drying out. **A Motion to Approve #IWWC-**

116 **26-14 for a One Year Renewal**, was made by S. Spillane, seconded by L. Burcroff, **With All in**
117 **Favor**. R. Conklin abstained.

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119 12. Discussion of HB 6830 – An Act Concerning Training for Members and Employees of Inland
120 Wetland Agencies.

121 There was no word from the State on group training; A. Conroy suggested that members should
122 do it on their own time.

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124 **Adjournment. So Moved** by S. Spillane, seconded by L. Burcroff, **With All in Favor**. The meeting
125 adjourned at 8:07pm.

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