MORRIS INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION COMMUNITY HALL MORRIS, CT 06763



July, 2025

The regular July 10, 2025 meeting was called to order by the chair at 4:10 pm downstairs in the Community Hall. Present were Connie Trolle, Robin Viola, Doreen Gagnon, Clif Wheeler, and Mike Doyle. Also present were Anthony LoFrisco, William Colby, Paul Szymanski, Steven Schneider, and others.

The minutes of the regular June 12, 2025 meeting were accepted as written.

On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to add to the agenda Permit 21-29 as item one under new business.

New Business

Permit 21-29 for 300-11 Bantam Lake Road was extended for two years in August 2023. They request another two year extension. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this extension.

Application 25-08 from Steven and Bonnie Schneider for replacing a house at 231 East Shore was received. Also submitted was a site plan dated June 6, 2025 by Arthur Howland and Associates with three sheets: site plan, details, and sanitary code compliance. Paul Szymanski of Arthur Howland explained that the site plan shows the existing conditions, and the existing with the proposed changes, and the proposed site. The existing house will be removed, and the existing parking area. The house location will be moved slightly away from the side boundary, and the impervious area will be reduced. The roof leaders will direct the roof runoff to 6 Cultec Recharge units, sized for the 100-year storm. The new house will have a full basement with the proposed sewer ejector pump and vault in a sealed pit. An addition will be on a slab. A force main will deliver from the ejector pump to a septic tank above the house and just above the 39' Geomatrix GST 6218 leaching field. A proposed temporary soil stockpile is at the top of the lot below a garage. Silt fence will be placed around the soil stockpile. A double row of silt fence and staked haybales will extend across the bottom of the lot above the lake.

Application 25-09 from Debi Smiley for a new septic system at 227/230 East Shore Road was received. Also submitted was a site plan dated 7-2-25 by Colby Engineering and Consulting with a cover sheet, a sheet of the house lot (227 East Shore), a sheet of the septic lot (230 East Shore), and a sheet of design details. Mr. Colby explained that it is proposed to elevate the existing house and a concrete foundation installed. A soil stockpile will be above the house with silt fence. Silt fence will be installed on both sides and below the house location. The existing septic tank will be crushed and the existing septic field abandoned. A new Lo-boy septic tank and a pump chamber will be installed and a sewer force main 772 feet long will be installed leading to the Geomatrix 6212 leaching fields at the top of Lot 230. A 12' wide temporary drive with a wetlands crossing will be constructed for installing the force main in a 4' deep trench and for installing the leach fields. An 18" pipe will be placed under the drive at the wetland crossing with a haybale check dam at the outlet. 1581 sf of wetlands will be disturbed. Silt fence will be placed down slope of all activity. Two soil stockpiles will be place by the leach field location.

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Application 25-05 from Anthony LoFrisco for a four-lot subdivision at 96 Stoddard Road was considered. It was noted that a wetlands permit will be need for the access road to the lot at the rear of the property. The wetlands approval will include the feasibility of the front lots as demonstrated, but wetland permits will be need as actual site plans are made for the proposed houses. Mr. LoFrisco explained that William Colby made the drainage calculations for the wetland crossing. Mr Colby explained that he calls for two 24" pipes, which are more than needed. There will be 3248 sf of wetlands disturbance. The existing access road crossed the wet area by a crude causeway. The access then went up the slope to the proposed house location. Straight up the slope is too steep so the driveway will traverse up and across the slope halfway then "switchback" to continue to the top. Silt fence will be place down slope of the drive way and on both sides of the wetlands crossing. There will be a grassy swale along the upper sides of the driveway. There will be three soil stockpiles, one beyond the crossing and two by the proposed house location. All will have silt fencing. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application.

Mr. Doyle excused himself from the commission and joined the members of the public, leaving Connie Trolle to chair the next item.

Application 25-07 from Michael Doyle for a garage at 117 Esthers Lane was considered. On a motion by Robin Viola, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** to approve this application that will have no impact on wetlands, with all voting "aye".

Other Business

Permit 25-04 to Town for John Weik Road pipe replacement was discussed. The contractor has received approval to lower the pond 12" by using suction pipes directing the outflow into a silk sack. This lowering of the pond, if it works, should make replacing the culvert less intrusive.

Clif Wheeler and Mike Doyle visited the 34 Woodward Road site. Clif Wheeler explained the the driveway apron has been paved as has the section from the top of the slope to the area down around the corner to a point beyond the collection basin. The driveway from there down to the pool house and bridge remain unpaved. The upper level spreader has been remade, with the outflow pipe now splitting the flow. The driveway is now directs the road runoff to the driveway drainage. The Building Inspector was informed the we (Wetlands Commission) has no objection to issuing a CO.

A complaint was received regarding drainage at 64 Platt Farm. Connie Trolle and Mike Doyle visited the site and found that a pipe carrying roof runoff ran to the edge of the property to the wetlands and the neighbor's property. This has now been changed to direct the flow to a riprap area on the property.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Michael Doyle