

**MORRIS INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
COMMUNITY HALL
3 EAST STREET
MORRIS, CT 06763**

October, 2025



The regular October 9, 2025 meeting was called to order by the chair at 4:00 pm downstairs in the Community Hall. Present were Connie Trolle, Robin Viola, Clif Wheeler, and Mike Doyle. Doreen Gagnon called to say she was unable to attend. Also present were Denise Pratt, William Ayles, Michelle Morris-Micoli, and John McCormick.

The minutes of the regular September 11, 2025 meeting were accepted as written.

On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** unanimously to add to the agenda Application 25-17.

On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Robin Viola, it was **VOTED** unanimously to move old business to the first order of business.

Old Business

Application 25-13 was received from Ken Merz to raise a house at 13 Harrison Lane. The property is owned by Denise Pratt (Lakeside at Harrison, LLC). She explained that there will be an addition on both sides of the cottage, one will partially be a garage. The garage will be on a slab, while the rest of the building will be over a full basement. All spoils will be used on the property. It was not certain if there will be roof gutters, or if the curtain drains will run to the existing rain garden retention area. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Robin Viola, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application with the condition that any curtain drains and gutter leaders will direct water to the existing retention area.

New Business

Application 25-14 was received from April Arrasate for a 3-Lot subdivision at 266 Watertown Road. The property is Linares Faye Farm. Also submitted was a site plan dated 10-6-2025 by Design Professionals with a title page, the subdivision details, and the septic. The plans were on letter paper and difficult to read. A legal document was included explaining the ownership of the property. Notice was sent to Bethlehem. This will be on next month's agenda.

Application 25-15 was received from Bradley Scoville for solar panels at 360 West Morris Road. Also submitted was a Driveway Plan for Margaret Deakin by Hrica Associates dated 5-31-2006. A copy of the plan was included showing the area of panels and a sketched line indicating the line from the panels to the house through wetlands. This will be on next month's agenda.

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Application 25-16 was received from Artel Engineering Group as agent for John McCormick for a new drive at 165 South Street. Also submitted was a Driveway Plan dated 10-3-25 by Artel Engineering; a construction narrative by Artel Engineering; a letter of authorization dated 9-30-25; an on site soils report by JMM Wetlands Consulting Service dated 9-5-25 for field inspection visit on 8-18-25; and a letter from JMM dated 7-8-25 regarding the proposed work. Michele Morris-Micoli explained that the existing driveway access to the property is by sharing the northerly neighbor's driveway before turning onto the property. The proposed driveway location ten feet from the northern property line will cross the edge of the wetlands affecting .02 acres before going up slope to the house. An infiltration trench is proposed between the drive and the wetlands. A 12-inch pipe will extend beneath the access to allow the road drainage to pass. The existing road drainage ditch down slope and south of the drive will be cleared and seeded for a grassy swale. A 530 sf rain garden is proposed alongside the drive extending approximately sixty feet southerly along the edge of the wetlands. All runoff from the drive will be directed to this rain garden. This will be on next month's agenda.

Application 25-17 was received from William Ayles for a second floor addition at 15 Harrison Lane. Also submitted were building plans and TAHD approval. Mr. Ayles explained that a 190 sf section of roof will be removed to allow the second floor addition. There will be no ground disturbance, the silt fence will protect the lake from any demolition debris. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application that should have no effect on the lake.

Other Business

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Doyle