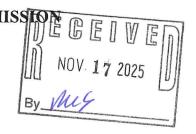
MORRIS INLAND WETLANDS COMMISS **COMMUNITY HALL** 3 EAST STREET

MORRIS, CT 06763

November, 2025



The regular November 13, 2025 meeting was called to order by the chair at 4:05 pm downstairs in the Community Hall. Present were Connie Trolle, Doreen Gagnon, Clif Wheeler, and Mike Doyle. Robin Viola was unable to attend. Also present were Michelle Morris-Micoli, John McCormick, Guy Bouffard, Chris Pawlowski, and Kathy Bugnacki.

The minutes of the regular October 9, 2025 meeting were accepted as written.

New Business

Application 25-18 was received from Jason and Cindy Drahzal to replace a house and septic at 8 Marsh Point. Also submitted was a site plan dated 13-Feb-25, revised 9-22-25, by Civil1 Engineering; a letter dated 10-29-2025 from Chris Pawlowski of Civil1 to the Commission; a letter dated 6-4-25 from Anna Toledo, DEEP, to Curtis Jones, Civil1; a letter dated 10-20-25 from Audrea Dickson, DEEP, to Lucas Hyder, White memorial; and an approval dated 4-4-25 from TAHD. Chris Pawlowski explained the existing two-story cottage will be demolished and removed and the existing septic fields abandoned. The house is served by a well on the adjacent property. The new house will also be two-story with a walk out basement. The septic area of concrete galleries will be located above the house near the road, with a 1000 gal. Tank and 1000 gal. Pump chamber below the house. The curtain drain will run to riprap. The roof run off will be directed to four Cultec C-100 units. Silt fence and hay bales will be placed across the lot above the lake. This will be on next month's agenda.

Application 25-19 was received from Colby Engineering as agent for Roy Bouffard for a subdivision at 94 Isaiah Smith Lane. A site plan dated 9-4-25 was submitted showing the lot and the septic feasibility. As there are no wetlands it was agreed that a jurisdictional ruling only was required, that there are no Wetlands concerns with this proposed subdivision. A letter will be sent to P&Z of our determination.

Old Business

Application 25-14 from April Arrasate for a 3-Lot subdivision at 266 Watertown Road was considered. 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. Also submitted was a letter from TAHD stating that there is an approved septic plan for Lot A and the existing house. The letter states that Lot C is not a building lot. April Arrasate explained that Lot B (North and South) will remain part of the cannabis operation. She stated that Lot C will remain as is, in fact there will be no changes of use for the property (properties). The activity for Lot B (south) includes access from Route 63, but activity between Lots B use the North access on Anderson Road. It was pointed out that work on the Route 63 access would require wetlands approval, as would work on the farm road that crosses wetlands and a brook. Since there are no activities planned and no building lots proposed, on a motion by Doreen Gagnon, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** that a jurisdictional ruling only was required that there are no Wetlands concerns with this subdivision. Connie Trolle abstained, all others voted "aye". A letter will be sent to P&Z of our determination.

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Application 25-15 from Bradley Scoville for solar panels at 360 West Morris Road was not considered. The Plan for Margaret Deakin by Hrica Associates dated 5-31-2006 does not show the precise location of the line from the location of the array to the house. (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.

Application 25-16 from Artel Engineering Group as agent for John McCormick for a new drive at 165 South Street was considered. Michele Morris-Micoli explained that the map was revised dated 10-30-25 after input from DOT. The revisions are at the road, the rest of the plan remains the same. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application that should not affect any wetlands.

Other Business

There was discussion with Kathy Bugnacki regarding the large solar arrays being approved in Morris and other towns. The legislation gave the approval authority to the Siting Council and the Towns are ill prepared to exert any restraints on what now appears to be out of control approvals. Kathy Bugnacki explained the other towns are working on a plan that will lead to development of regulation/ordinance that will allow arrays but still preserve the character, safety, and environment of their towns.

As for Morris, Kathy Bugnacki will attend the Zoning meeting, and will attempt to find out what course other towns are taking and bring them to us.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Doyle