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

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December, 2025

Present were Robin Viola, Doreen Gagnon, Clif Wheeler, and Mike Doyle. Connie Trolle was unable to attend. Also present were Chris Pawlowski, Stephen Oldakowski, and Bradley Scoville.

There was a hearing on activities at 56 Benedict Road at 4:00 downstairs in the Community Hall. The property owner, Stephen Oldakowski was present. The activity at 56 Benedict Road, activities including excavating of the brook to create a pond, and removal of top soil on both sides of the stream, is within the regulated area per our regulations and requires Morris Inland Wetlands review and determination of a need for a permit. A CEASE ORDER was issued. Mr. Oldakowski was instructed to add silt fence to protect the brook, and to add hay bales and fencing in the brook below the activity to protect the brook downstream, this has been done. This hearing was to afford Mr. Oldakowski the opportunity to be heard and to show cause why the order should not remain in effect. Mr. Oldakowski explained his plans for the property, and acknowledged that the work required a wetlands permit. The hearing was closed.

The regular December 11, 2025 meeting was called to order following the close of the hearing.

The minutes of the regular November 13, 2025 meeting were accepted as written.

On a motion by Clif Wheeler, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously to add to the agenda 56 Benedict Road.

New Business

The activities at 56 Benedict Road that prompted a Cease Order remain a not-permitted activity. On a motion by Clif Wheeler, seconded by Doreen Gagnon, it was **VOTED** unanimously that the Order will remain in effect until an application for permit is approved by the commission. Mr. Oldakowski indicated that he understood and will submit an application to the Town Clerk.

Old Business

Application 25-15 from Bradley Scoville for solar panels at 360 West Morris Road was discussed with Mr. Scoville. The discussion began on the route Mr. Scoville planned to take to bring the power generated to his home through the wetlands. Following questions on the size of the array, up to 20 x 40 feet, concerns were raised regarding the impact to the adjacent wetlands by the runoff created. As there has been no information on what will be put in place to protect the wetlands the members felt that a decision could not be made to approve the application. Mr. Scoville did not want to have the project reviewed by an engineer or soil scientist to address the issues, he decided to withdraw the application.

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Application 25-18 from Jason and Cindy Drahzal to replace a house and septic at 8 Marsh Point was considered. Chris Pawlowski of Civil1 submitted a letter dated December 11, 2025 explaining that the plan has been revised to allow the location of a 1000-gallon underground propane tank. He also submitted the site plan, revised 12-11-25. He went over the proposed site plan again, and, on a motion by Clif Wheeler, seconded by Robin Viola, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this project that should have less impact to the lake than the existing house.

Other Business

It was agreed to continue meet on the second Thursday of the month at 4:00 pm downstairs in the Community Hall through 2026.

It was agreed to have Mike Doyle chair the 2026 meetings.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Doyle