

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



February, 2026

The regular February 12, 2026 meeting was called to order by the chair at 4:05 pm downstairs in the Community Hall. Present were Connie Trolle, Robin Viola, Clif Wheeler, and Mike Doyle. Doreen Gagnon was unable to attend. Also present were Joseph Green, Anthony LoFrisco, and Alan Morelli.

The minutes of the regular January 8, 2026 meeting were accepted as written.

New Business

Application 26-01 from Anthony LoFrisco to improve the drive, add electrical conduit and install solar panels at 96 Stoddard Road was received. Also submitted was a Mylar copy of the subdivision map submitted to P&Z with the solar array and conduit penciled in, as well as the possible location of a pond. As shown the conduit from the solar array crosses the wetlands on the shortest line. It was suggested that the wetlands would be less affected if the conduit was routed to cross the wetlands at the driveway crossing. It was also suggested that the pond could be included in this application. Mr. LoFrisco will contact Northwest Conservation District to see if they will design the pond. This will be on next month's agenda.

Application 26-02 was received from Alan Morelli as agent for Ken Hershman to demolish two houses and replace them with a new house at 312 Bantam Lake Road. Also submitted was a site plan dated 1-29-26 by Meyer Associates, a landscape plan, and house plans (dated 12-05-25). Alan Morelli explained the project, noting the tight nature and the need to work toward the road. All unneeded spoils will be removed from the property. A rain garden is planned to receive roof runoff and curtain drains. This will be on next month's agenda.

Old Business

Application 25-20 from Brierwood Nurseries for a pond at 104 Thomaston Road was considered. Submitted was notification to Waterbury and the state, as well as the soils on the property. Mr. Green explained that in the event that the pond overflows the runoff will be sheet flow. On a motion by Connie Trolle, seconded by Clif Wheeler, it was **VOTED** unanimously to approve this application for a fire pond.

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Other Business

Mike Doyle reported that an news item in the paper mentioned a proposal for statute that would require riparian buffers. The article quotted DEEP stating that the local Wqetlands Agencies have the power to require the buffers so a state statute is not required.

Also, a copy of the Zoning agenda for January 8, 2026 was briefly discussed. At the end of the agenda, following the Bantam Lakle Overlay section were recommendations: One additional action related to Bantam Lake assigned to the Inland Wetlands Commission included the following POCD recommendation: Consider establishing total length & surface area limits and a dock numbering & registering system to protect against the profliation of excessively long docks or large docks there (sic) interfere with safe boating, cause disturbance to the shore/bottom, and disturb the visual beauty of the lake.

It continued with, "At this time, the P&Z recommends that the IWC enforces its standards or amends its regulations regarding dock size."

There has been no application submitted for 56 Benedict Road as the owner is still out of town.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Doyle