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**DURHAM INLAND WETLANDS
and
WATERCOURSES AGENCY
Durham, CT 06422
Durham Town Hall**

Minutes of February 9, 2026, Regular Meeting

Frank DeFelice called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call:

In attendance: Phil Auger, Frank DeFelice, Chris Meisenkothen, Gene Riotte, Cory Tyler, Noah Ventola, Joe Carta (WEO)

Absent: Chris Balay, Michael Dahlheimer, Mark Laudano, James Martinelli

Seating of Alternates

N. Ventola and C. Tyler were seated.

Amendments to Agenda

None.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by P. Augur, seconded by G. Riotte, to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by G. Riotte, seconded by C. Meisenkothen, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2026, Regular Meeting. All ayes. Motion passed.

Public Session

None.

Discussion: Caturano Violation

F. DeFelice reviewed prior correspondence from R. Newton to A. Caturano noting that, at the September 25, 2025, Show Cause hearing, the Commission requested a site plan showing wetlands delineated in the field by a registered soil scientist and plotted onto a survey. It was indicated that the requested information has not been provided to date.

A. Caturano submitted copies of a boundary survey. Commission members stated that the submission did not include wetlands delineation, cross-sections or profiles showing depths of fill, elevation data, or identification of disturbed areas and fill placement, as previously requested.

Mr. Sipperly, soil scientist, discussed soil sampling conducted in the area of disturbance and referenced flagged locations. Commission members stated that the information provided did not clearly establish the full extent of wetlands or allow verification of site conditions or impacts.

Commission members acknowledged receipt of the survey but reiterated that the following items remain outstanding:

- Delineation of the full extent of wetlands on the subject parcel;
- A site plan depicting the wetlands boundary as identified in the field;
- Cross-sections and profiles showing depths of fill;
- Graphic representation of elevation data;
- Identification of fill piles and disturbed areas.

It was noted that the lack of complete information continues to delay resolution of the case. F. DeFelice advised that failure to provide the requested information may result in referral to the Town Attorney for further enforcement action.

No formal action was taken.

Receipt of Applications:

- a. M. Donadio, Construct a 40'x60' barn within 100' of a wetland, 46 Shunpike Rd.
- b. R. Rebesch Estate, Review of 10 lot subdivision, Construction of Lot-2 driveway within 100' of the wetlands, Assessor's Map 86, Lot 1, David Rd.

J. & D. Mesick, Construction of well, septic system, driveway, scour pad, and associated clearing within 100' of a wetland, Shunpike Rd. and Madison Rd., Assessor's Map 90, Lot 14

Pat Benjamin, Civil Engineer, Durham, CT, was present to speak on the application. P. Benjamin presented and reviewed property mapping with the Commission and provided a history of the site. Wetlands locations were identified on the mapping and discussed, along with the scope of the proposed project. P. Benjamin noted that the septic system had been approved by CRAHD and identified the proposed well location. He stated that silt fencing would be installed.

A motion was made by C. Meisenkothen, seconded by G. Riotte to approve the application of J. & D. Mesick, Construction of well, septic system, driveway, scour pad, and associated clearing within 100' of a wetland, Shunpike Rd. and Madison Rd., Assessor's Map 90, Lot 14, as presented. All ayes. Motion passed.

Enforcement Officer's Report

J. Carta reported on the following:

- 161 Guilford Rd., previous permits

Payment of Bills

None.

Miscellaneous

F. DeFelice stated that the legislative session is underway in Hartford and that riparian area legislation is under review; details remain uncertain. He noted that updates will be provided to the Commission as information becomes available.

Adjournment

A motion was made by P. Augur, seconded by N. Ventola, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Perry

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