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**DURHAM INLAND WETLANDS**  
**and**  
**WATERCOURSES AGENCY**  
**Durham, CT 06422**  
**Durham Town Hall**  
Minutes of March 9, 2026, Regular Meeting

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

**Roll Call:**

**In attendance:** Chris Balay, Frank DeFelice, Mark Laudano, Chris Meisenkothen (departed at 7:40 p.m.), Gene Riotte, Jim Martinelli, Cory Tyler, Noah Ventola, Joe Carta (WEO)

**Absent:** Phil Augur, Michael Dahlheimer

**Seating of Alternates**

J. Martinelli and C. Tyler were seated, N. Ventola was seated at 7:40 p.m.

**Amendments to Agenda**

None.

**Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by C. Balay, seconded by C. Meisenkothen, 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 February 9, 2026, Regular Meeting. All ayes with C. Balay in abstention. Motion passed.

**Public Session**

- Roger Kleeman questioned who is responsible for maintaining waterways, open drainage, and streams in the Town. A brief discussion followed.
- Tim Rankin discussed wetlands on Meeting House Hill Road and the presence of invasive species. He expressed interest in cleaning up the area and stated he is working with J. Carta, WEO.

**Discussion: Caturano Violation**

Drawings and mapping were provided to the Commission, followed by discussion. The Commission requested that a map with the wetlands delineated be provided. Mr. Caturano stated that this will be submitted in May, along with a plan outlining the next course of action, whether remediation or otherwise. Mr. Caturano also questioned whether farming activities could occur within the area. Town Counsel will be contacted for guidance. The Commission discussed possible options moving forward.

**Receipt of Applications**

None.

**M. Donadio, Construct a 40'x60' barn within 100' of a wetland, 46 Shunpike Rd.**

J. Carta stated that he met with the homeowner and reviewed the property, including the proposed location of the barn. A map was provided to the Commission. The mapping was reviewed and the project was discussed.

A motion was made by C. Meisenkothen, seconded by C. Tyler; there is no activity in the wetlands. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion was made by C. Meisenkothen, seconded by G. Riotte, to approve M. Donadio, Construction of a 40'x60' barn with silt fence along the fence line, 46 Shunpike Rd. All ayes. Motion passed.

**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.**

Pat Benjamin, Civil Engineer, spoke on behalf of the applicant. Mapping was provided to the Commission. Mr. Benjamin gave a brief history of the property, reviewed the mapping with the Commission, and discussed the applicant's proposal. The lots and the proposed plans were discussed in detail with reference to the map.

A motion was made by C. Balay, seconded by G. Riotte, there is no activity in the wetlands. All ayes. Motion passed.

A motion was made by G. Riotte, seconded by C. Balay, to approve 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. All ayes. Motion passed.

**Enforcement Officer's Report**

J. Carta reported on the following:

- 51 Birch Mill Rd. addition
- FOI request from a realtor

**Payment of Bills**

None.

**Miscellaneous**

F. DeFelice provided an update on the Riparian Bill. Discussion followed.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by C. Balay, seconded by G. Riotte, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Perry

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