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

Minutes of June 8, 2026, Regular Meeting

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

**Roll Call:**

**In attendance:** Phil Augur, Chris Balay, Michael Dahlheimer, Frank DeFelice, Gene Riotte, Jim Martinelli, Noah Ventola, Joe Carta (WEO)

**Absent:** Mark Laudano, Chris Meisenkothen, Cory Tyler

**Seating of Alternates**

J. Martinelli was seated for M. Laudano, N. Ventola was seated for C. Meisenkothen

**Amendments to Agenda**

None.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by G. Riotte, seconded by J. Martinelli, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2026, Regular Meeting. All ayes with C. Balay and N. Ventola in abstention. Motion passed.

**Public Session**

None.

**Receipt of Applications**

No applications received.

**J. Miller, Construction of a pond for water source to be used for farming flowers, 76 Higganum Rd.**

Jared Miller was present to speak on the application. He provided the Commission with a rendering depicting the proposed project. Mr. Miller explained that the purpose of the project is to excavate a pond that will serve as a water source for an irrigation system to support plant cultivation. He stated that the operation is not intended to be a commercial business on the property; rather, the goal is to grow native wildflowers for use in off-site flower shops.

The proposed work includes the excavation of a 10-foot-deep pond with naturalized shelves along its perimeter. Excavated clay soils would be utilized on-site for erosion control measures and grading improvements throughout the property. Mr. Miller noted that the project would not impact or alter any existing wetlands or watercourses.

A motion was made by C. Balay, seconded by G. Riotte, to approve J. Miller, Construction of a pond for water source to be used for farming flowers, 76 Higganum Rd. All ayes. Motion passed.

**Enforcement Officer's Report**

J. Carta reviewed his submitted report with the commission. He spoke briefly about the following:

- 126 Maple Ave.
- JC Farms, Wallingford Rd.

**Payment of Bills**

A motion was made by P. Augur, seconded by G. Riotte, to pay J. Carta, WEO, \$945.00. All ayes. Motion passed.

**Miscellaneous**

F. DeFelice discussed the online IWWA training necessary for the commission. The members have until the end of the year to complete the training.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by P. Augur, seconded by G. Riotte, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Perry

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