

**Town of Goshen
Inland and Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 7, 2025 7:15PM**

Present: Lorraine Lucas, Ray Turri, Matt Wheeler, Dante Malanca, Devin Stilson, and Adam Andrusia.

Excused: Andy Savage.

Others: Spencer Musselman, Michael Padover, Michael Leonard, Joe Alicata and Stephen Lasar.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Ms. Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:15PM. The meeting was conducted in person at Goshen Town Hall and Zoom.

2. PUBLIC HEARING: None

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the regular meeting of July 3, 2025 were approved by the Commissioners as written.

MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Mr. Stilson, it was VOTED to accept the minutes from the July 3, 2025 regular meeting as written. Motion carries.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Alicata Trust, 181 Bentley Circle, New home within a regulated area: Mr. Alicata did a quick review of the application, it was mentioned again that it is completely out of the wetlands and just in the upland review area and silt fence has been added. There were no comments.

MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Mr. Stilson, it was VOTED to approve the application for Alicata Trust, 181 Bentley Circle, new home within a regulated area. Motion carries.

- B. Michael Padover, 333 West Hyerdale Drive - After the fact, removed rocks on perimeter of backyard grass for an additional 20 feet towards the lake and action occurred about 60 feet from shoreline: Mr. Padover made a drawing as requested last month and presented photos, Mr. Musselman is going to check back in a couple weeks but everything seems stable and there is no evidence of erosion so the erosion controls are working, ECC approved but did give the homeowner a fine and Mr. Padover said they will not be doing anymore work.

MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Mr. Wheeler, it was VOTED to approve the after the fact application for Michael Padover, 333 West Hyerdale Drive, removed rocks on perimeter of backyard grass for an additional 20 feet towards the lake and action occurred about 60 feet from shoreline. Motion carries.

- C. Michael Leonard, 22 School Hill Road - Dredging small area in middle of pond to provide depth for a fountain which will help the aeration of the pond, which is utilized regularly for watering the garden: Mr. Leonard let the Commission know that at this time they personally will not be doing any soil testing and will be withdrawing their

application at this time. They have not been getting any answers from the Town on the spill that occurred at the property next to there pond many years ago and are trying to get a hold of the property owner to get more testing done, but they have yet to respond. The Commission requested a formal letter to withdraw the application.

- D. Stephen Lasar, 293 West Hyerdale Drive - Remove existing deck/screened porch, stairs, and ground level patio and replace with slightly larger deck/screened porch, stairs, and ground level patio and frost walls: Mr. Musselman shared photos of the current porch, silt fence with hay bales was added to the plan, frost wall and slab were confirmed, and confirmation of set back is 70 feet for the ECC but he is doing 75 feet.

MOTION by Mr. Stilson and seconded by Mr. Malanca, it was VOTED to approve the application for Stephen Lasar, 293 West Hyerdale Drive, remove existing deck/screened porch, stairs, and ground level patio and replace with slightly larger deck/screened porch, stairs, and ground level patio and frost walls. Motion carries.

5. NEW BUSINESS: None

6. AGENT DETERMINATION: None

7. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: Mr. Musselman did a review of his attached IWC Activities Report dated August 7, 2025.

MOTION by Mr. Stilson and seconded by Mr. Turri, it was VOTED to Accept the Enforcement Officers Report dated August 7, 2025. Motion carries.

8. CORRESPONDENCE: Email from Mr. Padover.

9. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION: Mr. Stilson brought up that maybe we should put something in Town Topics to avoid after the fact applications. A discussion was had on the lack of the contractors and home owners getting permits and maybe Goshen should implement a fine system. Mr. Musselman said he would write something for the Commission's review and to be presented to the Selectman.

10. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Mr. Stilson and seconded by Mr. Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:41PM. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Clinton,

Commission Clerk

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Attest 
asst. Goshen Town Clerk

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Inland Wetlands Commission
IWA Report August 7th, 2025**

Lot# 181 Bentley Circle, Alicata Trust - Application is to construct a home within the regulated area upslope of the Marshepaug River. Other regulated site improvements include portions of the driveway and well. The property is currently overgrown. The home site, well, and driveway were all flagged since the last meeting. I met with the property owner and B. Colby on 8/5 and walked the site. I recommend that the Commission approves the application.

333 West Hyerdale Drive, Padover - Application is for the after-the-fact removal of large boulders within the regulated area along with minor grading and seeding. After hearing of the work being done at 333 W. Hyerdale I conducted a site visit (5/19) and required the homeowner to apply for an after-the-fact permit. With rain forecasted for later that week I agreed to allow the contractors to remove what had already been disturbed and seed. Erosion controls were installed the next morning and rip-rap basin was added downslope of the work where a drain pipe daylighted. I've inspected the property several times since and the site is now stabilized with grass and erosion controls are being maintained nicely. Since the last meeting the ECC has approved of the work and I conducted another inspection on 8/7 with Ed Dutka and found that the site was still in excellent condition. I recommend that the Commission approves the application.

22 School Hill Road, Leonard - Application is to hydraulically dredge pond. Pond spoils will be bagged and dewatered before either being removed from the site or used in the garden. The temporary stockpile area will be surrounded by a silt fence. After the pond is cleaned it is proposed to install a floating aerator in the center of the pond. The contractors are Yield Industries, Aquatic Services. The applicants were supposed to provide information regarding testing of the pond soil before the August meeting.

Stephen Lasar, 293 West Hyerdale Drive - Application is to reconstruct an existing deck and patio approximately 80' from the lake. The applicant contacted the WLPOA and confirmed the setbacks. I inspected the property on 8/6 and given the distance from the lake and gradual topography I take no exception to the application so long as adequate erosion controls are installed prior to the start of work. I recommend the Commission approves the application.

Permits:

- IW Permit# 24-10W for Nilsen - 411 Milton Road - Permit was transferred to new property owners Lazaros and Maria Nikeas.

Enforcement Issues:

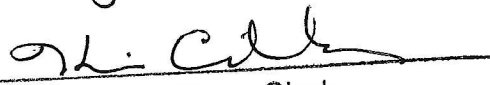
- **333 W. Hyerdale** - Has applied for an after the fact permit.
- **205 E. Hyerdale** - Continuing to monitor.

Inspections:

- **Lot# 181 Bentley Circle-** Met with the property owner and B. Colby on site on 8/5.
- **333 W. Hyerdale Drive** - Met with E. Dutka on site on 8/7. Site stabilized and erosion controls are in good condition.
- **205 E. Hyerdale Drive** - Site conditions are stable. Contacted the property owner to let him know erosion controls need to be refreshed.
- **192 E. Hyerdale Drive** - R. McCarty continues to update me throughout the process. Met with the property owners and R. McCarty on 8/6 and spoke with E. Dutka on 8/7 regarding the WLPOAs action on the property.
- **101 W. Hyerdale Drive** - Met with site contractor R. Manchester on 7/10 after a rainstorm and noticed there was some breaching of the erosion controls. I requested all erosion controls be refreshed and additional hay bales or silt wattles be installed. I also inquired as to when the final grading of the site would occur so that it could be stabilized. Final grading and seeding should be occurring by late summer / early fall.
- **293 W. Hyerdale Drive** - Inspected the property on 8/6.
- **Turkey Hollow Road** - Met with the property owner on 7 / 8 to inspect the quarry after receiving some complaints.

Respectfully submitted,
Spencer Musselman
Land Use Official

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Attest 
asst. Goshen Town Clerk