

**Town of Goshen
Inland and Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 7, 2026 7:15PM**

Present: Lorraine Lucas, Matt Wheeler, Dante Malanca, Devin Stilson, Tom Stansfield, Adam Andrusia and Ray Turri. (Z=Zoom).

Excused:.

Others: Marissa Wright, Seth Breakell and Lori Clinton.

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: Ms. Lucas did a recap of what has occurred at 225 North Goshen Road. It was noted that there was no representative from 225 North Goshen Road in person or on Zoom. Email received this afternoon from Ikes Auto Auto Body Inc. that they have been in contact with Martin Brogie, Principal Scientist and will get back with us on the date he will be onsite. Ms. Lucas researched Mr. Brogie and is ok with him, as was Ms. Wright and Mr. Stansfield. She did, however, wish that Ike's Auto Body, Inc. had been here tonight and that they had gotten all the information that was requested. Mr. Stansfield would like to see the results of flagging before the Town does any outsourcing. Mr. Wheeler would like to know what was buried. Ms. Lucas let everyone know that the wetlands need to be flagged to see if it is their purview. The Commission is disappointed that Ike's Auto Body, Inc. did not show and would like Ms. Wright to write a letter informing Ike's Auto Body, Inc. what needs to be done, that the Public Hearing will be closing in June and it will be forwarded to the Town attorney if needed.

MOTION by Mr. Stansfield and seconded by Mr. Turri, it was VOTED to continue the Public Hearing to June 4, 2026. Motion carries.

Some of the public that was leaving thanked the Commission and Ms. Wright noted that there is a current cease and desist with Planning and Zoning.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of April 2, 2026 regular meeting, were approved as written.

MOTION by Mr. Stansfield and seconded by Mr. Turri, it was VOTED to approve the minutes from April 2, 2026 regular meeting as written. Mr. Turri abstained. Motion carries.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 51 Paxton Court, Gary Wartels, Rebuild existing deck in rear back of house to add screen-in enclosure and extend deck to end of house :** No representative present, Commission has questions so application was tabled.

MOTION by Mr. Stansfield and seconded by Mr. Stilson, it was VOTED to table the application to the June 4, 2026 meeting. Motion carries.

MOTION by Mr. Wheeler and seconded by Mr. Stilson, it was VOTED to add 698 North Street, add a building and 181 Bentley Circle, change to agent determination to the agenda. Motion carries.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. 698 North Street, Lee Rimbach, 50x120 storage building within the 200' regulated area:** Mr. Rimbach presented plans, sketch and pictures. The intermittent stream comes from runoff of Tamarack Lane and 63 when it rains. Come July it will be sand and sediment. The edge of the building will be 100 feet from wetlands and there is a big elevation change where the back of the building will be. It drops 5 to 10 feet to the woodline. Ms. Wright confirmed that she did see the property and they discussed ways to mitigate the impact. He will be putting in native vegetation, berm around the property, swale in the back corner so that what comes off roof goes across the lawn and will have stone at the eaves to go all the way down. This will be for cold storage, no equipment maintenance and will have a dirt floor. He will also be adding wattles during construction.

MOTION by Mr. Turri and seconded by Mr. Stansfield, it was VOTED to accept the application for 698 North Street, Lee Rimbach, 50x120 storage building within the 200' regulated area . Motion carries.

- B. Lot 06-006-092-00 Bentley Circle, Alicate Trust, requesting Agent Determination:** Mr. Charter (Construction Manager) is requesting an Agent Determination since they are moving the house 10 feet closer to the road, using less fill and lessening the impact. Not infringing on the setback from the road. The address has been changed to 44 Bentley Circle, Lot 06-006-092-00. Commissioners were ok with changing to agent determination and asked that all stipulations from the original permit be put onto it. Ms. Wright will walk the site tomorrow.

6. AGENT DETERMINATION: 260 East Hyerdale Drive, Ed Dutka for Woodridge Lake Property Owners Association, Remove two small sections of cracked asphalt leading to boat docks and replace them with pavers. Trying to match existing pavers. Both sections might total 20ft long and 4ft wide: Was reviewed by ZEO.

7. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: Report dated May 7, 2026 was reviewed by ZEO Marissa Wright.

MOTION by Mr. Stilson and seconded by Mr. Malanca, it was VOTED to accept the ZEO report for May 7, 2026. Motion carries.

8. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

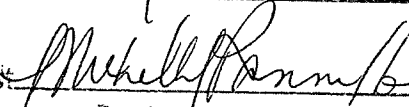
9. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

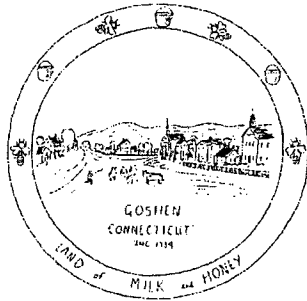
- A. Section 4.1 permitted uses of right:** Mr. Musselman is working on updating.
B. POCD: Commissioners were reminded of the POCD meeting on May 9, 2026 at 9am..

10. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Mr. Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:56PM. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,


Lori Clinton, Commission Clerk

Received May 11 2026 11:46am
Attest 
Goshen Town Clerk
2026



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Marissa L. Wright, Zoning and Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer

To: Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
From: Marissa L. Wright
Subject: Activity Report
Date: MAY 7, 2026

Permits Issued:

- **26-4W** Agent approval 260 E. Hyerdale Dr. Ed. Dutka replacement of pavement walkways with pavers.

411 Milton Road 27 APR 2026, Brain Hanacak UCE Fine Builders awarded phase 1 of project. Contacted me about being present at pre-work conference. Wright previous general comments on site: Steep slopes, area with previous tree removal is stabilized with early successional growth. Two silt fences remain in the uphill location from the previous clearcut. Will need to monitor site work carefully once work begins due to terrain of landscape. Unclear if calcs for rain gardens and storm flows were previously calculated by engineer on plans and specs. Suspect that more drainage to handle overflows may be needed in the event they occur.

Meeting held 17 APR with Bill Weckman of Richter Cegan. Spencer and I were present.

Phase 1 pre-work meeting will occur with UCE Fine Builders on 8 MAY 2026, 0930-1030. One or two commission members welcome to attend as long as there is no quorum.

Debbie Malo, 120 Torrington Rd, site visit for work within a wetland, dredging material from pond including plant material and cattails, tree removal etc. Pond appears to be partially filled by an artesian well that is located behind the house on a hillside. The water runs down along the exterior of the house and at one time flowed into fish tanks into the basement under a previous owner. The water is then piped into the pond depression, when it reaches a certain height, it flows into a culvert that runs under an adjacent driveway, into a red maple swamp type forested wetland and finally into Fox Brook. Site observations within the pond include the several aquatic phase of the red spotted newt and several second-year tadpoles (unidentified, but likely green frog). The vegetation along the bank appears to be aiding in bank stabilization. See

photos below.

MAR/APR/MAY, Wright to take the Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency Comprehensive Training Program as a refresher (Free, 8 Hrs). Registered, started and will complete as time allows.

225 North Goshen Rd. 29 APR 2026 requesting follow up. Aldo responded on 7 MAY 2026 and is in contact with Wetland Scientist, Martin Brogie, LEP, *Principal Scientist, MBI*. He is checking on a few available dates and is wondering if anyone from the commission or myself would like to be present. Thoughts?

Lee Wrimbach, 698 North Street stopped in to check the status of zoning permit. I looked at the maps and conducted a site visit to determine if any wetland impacts could occur.

Observations of site visit: Mr. Wrimbach was planning to pipe the runoff from the building into the stream area and we discussed alternatives, E&S controls, possible planting of a buffer, what types of equipment will be stored in building and if any equipment maintenance would occur (proposing to have a dirt floor), etc. I also let him know that he could choose to adjust the size of the building to be outside of the regulated area, if it was a fit for him. The site was mostly level and grass, but does slope downward toward the stream during the last 25' or so, so runoff from a large building will likely need a bit of filtration/buffer area on the far side toward the stream. After walking the site, we decided it would be best for him to submit a wetlands application. L. Clinton assisted with application submission.

Project description: "50x120 storage building that is within the 200' regulated area. It will be for cold storage and will hold camper, antique cars, and construction equipment. There conservation easement A and B and it will be outside of both."

Complaint from Buzziena White, 192 Kubish Road, regarding wetland impacts on her property from 81 Kubish Road. Also zoning complaint from Jake Pogodzinski regarding 192 Kubish Rd.

Site visit conducted:

Lorraine and I conducted site visits at 81 Kubish (Jake Pogodzienski) and 192 Kubish (Buzziena White) and spoke to both property owners separately.

We examined the dirt bike jump areas with exposed soil on 81 Kubish and an area below this location to determine if wetlands were present. There were no visible wetland plants and the soil did not appear to be wetland soil. I checked the maps and do not see wetland soils present, only farmland soils to the southeast portion of the property.

The property owner at 81 Kubish showed us materials that she said were placed around the property line by Buzziena White including snow fencing, lawn chairs, ribbons hanging from the electric fence across the street, trail cameras, tarps, and tires which surrounds the property on all sides. I discussed with the property owner at 81 Kubish that bare soil from dirt bike jumps could lead to erosion if there were regulated wetland areas present.

I plan to draft letters with the preliminary finding that no apparent violations were present on the site. We have received additional correspondence from Buzziena White requesting immediate action. **Commission may consider requesting that the wetlands on her property at 192 Kubish road be flagged by a wetland scientist.**

385 Old Middle Street, Spencer Albano, proposed storage building near wetland area. Future permit pending. Discussed regulated area elements that commission would be looking at, placement etc.

120 Ivy Mountain Road, Kacey Shaylor, discussed future application for a shed within regulated area.

70 Newcomb Road, House construction began. Inspected site and found section of silt fence not entrenched. Spoke with property owner and they will remedy issue. See photo

54 Bare Hill Road, stump removal in regulated area. Most likely as of right use, though area was previous used for adjacent parking for Forsaken Lands commercial event which was not an as of right use.

181 Bentley Circle (Alicata house), Spoke with Travis Charter permit 25-8W. He is going to come to the meeting to talk about the proposed change (moving the house back 10 feet). I will likely be able to do this with an agent approval, but I have not walked this site before and I want to run it by the commission, as I hear the grade is quite steep. If commission is good with an agent determination, I will walk the site on 5/7 and determine if there are any other concerns that need to be addressed.

Attachments



120 Torrington Rd. Pond



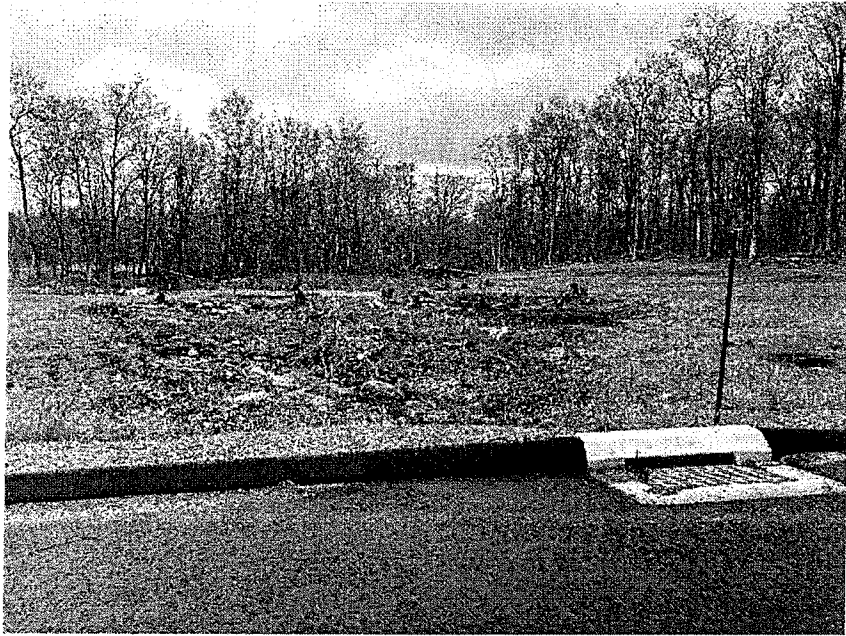
120 Torrington Rd. Second-year tadpole



120 Torrington Rd. Red spotted newt



120 Torrington Rd. Pond, side view



54 Bare Hill Road, Stumps being removed from wetland



70 Newcomb Rd. Work started. Silt fence not backfilled. Owner will fix.