

**Town of Goshen
Inland and Wetlands Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 2, 2026 7:15PM**

Present: Lorraine Lucas, Mat Wheeler, Dante Malanca, Devin Stilson, and Tom Stansfield

Excused: Adam Andrusia and Ray Turri

Others: Spencer Musselman; ZEO, and Marissa Wright; IWE0

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:

- A. **225 North Goshen Road, show cause tabled until May, 2026 meeting -**
Ms. Lucas reminded everyone that Ikes Auto Body, 225 North Goshen Road, show cause hearing was tabled until May 2026 meeting.
- B. **Modification of the Goshen Inland Wetland regulations to include 200 foot setback from the wetlands as defined in the regulations and add the definition of declaratory ruling to the definitions in regulations -**
Ms. Lucas read the modification into record and the legal notice that was in the Republican American newspaper on March 23 and March 31, 2026. Mr. Musselman reviewed the amendment with the Commission with the addition of the "Declaratory or Jurisdictional ruling" paragraph to be added to the regulations in Section 2, Page #5. Mr. Stansfield reiterated the discussion from last month concerning the 200' setback change and stated that it is an important change to the regulations, to regulate the disturbance in excavation sites, conforms to other towns, and is a reasonable change. Ms. Lucas noted that it only affects the regulated area and that the work may still be done but will need review and approval from the Commission. Mr. Musselman read the proposed amended definition of a "Regulated Activity" under Section 2, Page 7 and further explained the importance of the adoption of the amendment. Ms. Lucas asked for any public comment. John Morris, 99 Case Ave, Bantam, commented that he feels the amendment is fair.

MOTION by Ms. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Standsfield to close the Public Hearing at 7:26pm. Motion carries.

MOTION by Ms. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Standsfield, it was VOTED to approve the modification to the Goshen Inland Wetland Regulations with an effective date of April 20, 2026. Motion carries.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of March 5, 2026 regular meeting, were approved as written.

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MOTION by Mr. Stansfield and seconded by Mr. Malanca, it was VOTED to approve the minutes from March 5, 2026 regular meeting as written. Motion carries.

4. OLD BUSINESS: None.

5. NEW BUSINESS: **MOTION by Mr. Stansfield to add to the agenda, 250 Torrington Road application for a Declaratory Ruling and 51 Paxton Court application to rebuild existing deck in the back of the house and extend walkway, seconded by Mr. Wheeler. Motion carries.**

250 Torrington Road - Torrington Country Club - Tree Cutting and Invasive Species Management at holes 12 & 13 - Stephen Eisenhaure on behalf of the Torrington Country Club and John Morris on behalf of Maple Ridge LLC, professional forestry contractor. Mr. Musselman noted that this application falls under section 4.2 of the regulations. The contractor is proposing to clear invasives and dead ash from the area between holes 12 and 13. There will be minimal disturbance, the trees will be cut and chipped with the mulch being used around the golf course and the stumps being left in place. It is a well defined wetland area and no chemicals are to be used. The estimated project duration is 5 days. Mr. Wheeler asked if there was a schedule to control invasive species over time. There is none in place at this time. There will be new trees planted in the cleared area. The applicant is to notify Ms. Wright when work begins so that she can make site visits and monitor if needed. Erosion control measures were discussed with little need found due to the make up of the area. Flagging of the wetlands was discussed with a decision to allow the contractor to flag with staff to check the area and approve.

MOTION by Mr. Stansfield and seconded by Mr. Wheeler, it was VOTED to find clearing of vegetation at 250 Torrington Road to be a Declaration ruling per section 4.2 of the Regulations. Motion carries.

51 Paxton Court - application to rebuild existing deck in the bak of the house and extend walkway - No representative was present. There has been issues with the Land Use email that prevented communication with the contractor and homeowner. They will be contacted to appear at the next meeting. The property was not originally wetlands, but over time has become wetlands with environmental changes. Mr. Wheeler asked if the expanded walkway was going to consist of adding new piers or cantilevering the existing structure. As other questions concerning the project, it was suggested that Mr. Musselman contact the applicant with a list of questions that the Commission would like addressed at the next meeting.

MOTION by Mr. Stansfield and seconded by Mr. Wheeler, it was VOTED to accept the modification of back deck and front walkway at 51 Paxton Court. Motion carries.

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6. AGENT DETERMINATION: None.

7. INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:

Ms. Wright noted that she has gained access to the email and is catching up with correspondence. She made a site visit to 411 Milton Road where previous clear cutting was done, the area is well established with no erosion issues. The home owner will start planting in the next few weeks and is looking forward to building. The site is very steep and will be built in stages.

Ms. Wright will be getting access to the Permit Link site soon.

There was an email received concerning the application of fertilizer to lawns next to Tyler Lake which Ms. Wright will look into and respond.

The owners of the North Goshen property will be contacted in the next week to arrange for a site visit. They should be letting the IWC know who will be flagging the wetlands on the property by April 15. Ms. Wright recommended a 3rd party go on behalf of the IWC to flag the area themselves or discuss with the Conservation Commission to take a look at the property.

MOTION was made by Mr. Wheeler and seconded by Mr. Stansfield to accept the Enforcement Officer report. Motion carries.

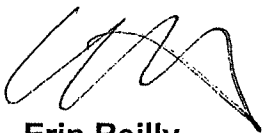
8. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

9. OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

- A. **Section 4.1 permitted uses of right:** Mr. Musselman is working on a draft of the new application to present to the Commission.
- B. **POCD -** The information in the Commissioners packet was a recommendation based on Mr. Musselman's initial thoughts. He is looking for input from the IWC. There will be 2 public forums to discuss the POCD with the community in April and May.

10. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION by Mr. Stansfield and seconded by Mr. Wheeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:54PM. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erin Reilly

Commission Clerk, Pro Tem

Received April 6, 2026 @ 9:37 AM

Attest Barbara L. Blum
Goshen Town Clerk