TOWN OF GOSHEN
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026 – 7:15PM
Hybrid Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND APPOINTMENTS OF ALTERNATES:**
   Ms. Lucas called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.
   Members Present: Lorraine Lucas, Ray Turri, Tom Stansfield, Devin Stilson and Dante Malanca.
   Members Excused: Matt Wheeler and Adam Andrusia.
   Others: Richard Bette, Marissa Wright and Lori Clinton.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING**:
   A. **225 North Goshen Road, continued show cause hearing:** No one representing 225 North Goshen Road was present. Ms. Lucas opened the Public Hearing and Ms. Wright confirmed that a site walk will be done Friday, October 6, 2026 at 10:30am. Ms. Lucas stated that if the requested items are not available prior to the walk there wouldn't be any reason to go. Ms. Wright planned to attend either way since she has not been on the property yet. There was a discussion held on whether or not to close the Public Hearing and send legal order of potential and legal violations. Several members were in agreement to keep the hearing open until Mr. Stansfield read his draft motion (see attached) explaining reasoning to close the public hearing. Once Mr. Stansfield finished reading his motion, it was agreed to close the public hearing.

IN A MOTION BY Mr. Stansfield, based on evidence provided during Public Hearings (Show Cause Hearings) I find that the owners and or their agents have violated the adopted regulations of the Goshen Inland Wetland Commission (the commission) and I direct our appointed agent to draft a legal order which shall include all the potential and alleged violations including citations of the Goshen Inland Wetland Regulations (the regulations) as applicable, and any and all other obligations that coincide with violations of the regulations. The order shall direct the property owner or their agent to continue to cease and desist any activity on the property known as 225 North Goshen Road and to complete an accurate and properly documented delineation of any and all wetlands on the property by a qualified Soil Scientist as defined in the regulations, provide an accurate survey by a Connecticut Licensed Surveyor showing the wetland delineation, the soil types encountered, the area of the alleged excavation, including any limits of disturbance made through the excavation, filling, grading and stockpiling of materials on the site and a plan to remove and properly dispose of buried materials and restore the property to the satisfaction of the Commission. This commission has been asking for exactly this for almost a year, so I further direct our agent to require the outlined field studies, documents and mitigation plan to be delivered to this commission within ten(10) days of receipt. I further direct that this order be delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, and concurrently by Connecticut State Marshal. And seconded by Mr. Turri, it was voted to close the Public Hearing for 225 North Goshen Road. Motion carried.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Regular meeting minutes for September 3, 2026 were reviewed and approved as written.

IN A MOTION BY Mr. Turri and seconded by Mr. Stilson, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes from the October 1 2026 meeting as written. Motion carried.

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
   A. **316 Sharon Turnpike, Richard Bette for Abby and Jonathan Yvon - Enclosure of existing deck, new deck and mudroom entry:** Mr. Bette confirmed that Torrington Area Health approval was given.

IN A MOTION BY Mr. Stansfield and seconded by Mr. Turri, it was voted to APPROVE the

application for 316 Sharon Turnpike, Richard Bette for Abby and Jonathan Yvon - Enclosure of existing deck, new deck and mudroom entry. Motion carried.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

6. **AGENT DETERMINATION:**
   A. **359 East Hyerdale Drive, Carolyn Dewitz - 26-16W Redo decking and railings on 4 decks, building 2 new sets of stairs: 1 on back of the house and 1 on front of the house. Adding 1 12 inch footing on the front of the house by the garage.** Briefly discussed.

7. **INLAND WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT:** Ms. Wright reviewed her report and there was an update and discussion on the herbicide and the materials Ms. Wright had created for educational purposes. Other avenues of education for the public were also discussed.

   IN A MOTION BY Mr. Stansfield and seconded by Mr. Stilson, it was voted to APPROVE the ZEO report dated October, 2026. Motion carried.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** CT Federation of P&Z Agencies Quarterly Newsletter.

9. **OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:**
   A. **Wetlands permit application update:** On hold until after the fact application fee increase is approved at Town meeting.
   B. **Update on use of herbicide around wetland areas within the Town:** Herbicides were discussed in the ZEO report.
   C. **Approve 2027 Meeting Calendar for IWC:** Was approved.

   IN A MOTION BY Ms. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Stilson, it was voted to APPROVE the 2027 Meeting Calendar as written for 2027 Motion carried.

   D. Ms. Lucas added DEEP training, stating that all Commissioners, Inland Wetlands Agency Members and municipal staff working with them are required to take training every 4 years. The PA25-73 requires that everyone be trained by the end of 2026.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**
    IN A MOTION BY Mr. Stilson and seconded by Mr. Turri to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Clinton, Commission Clerk