LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 12, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Annex, 80 Doyle Road, Bantam, CT
In person meeting

1. **Call to Order- Appointment of Alternates.**
Chairman Martin Connor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
Members Present: M. Connor, A. Combs, B. Dooley J. Hamill, K. Kerr, M. LoRusso.
Members Absent: S. Clarkin.

Application Reception

3. Hagan – 38 North Shore Road - Stone wall in front of the house approximately 3 ½' high by 35' long (waterfront property) (MBL #171-060-010.

Owner B. Hagan and neighbor L. Steiner were present for the application. An unexpected event prevented the owner from contacting a soil scientist as recommended during the previous meeting. Photos were shown of the undermining and deterioration of the existing stone wall at the lake edge. The Commission is not in favor of the existing proposal of mafia blocks and advised applicant to explore option of filter paper, riprap and natural stone. Neighbor in attendance would be doing the work and has a better understanding of the Commission's expectations. An alternative engineered plan will be presented at the September meeting. Application is continued to next month.

4. Arethusa – 15 Webster Road – Septic installation for student restrooms. (1.1 acres affected). MBL# 067-050A-001

Arethusa Executive Director W. Davenport and Engineer R. Wolfe were present for the application. The Foundation has repurposed an existing barn for children's camp instructions and adult education. Application is for the installation of two restrooms to flow into a 1,500-gallon septic tank with a 1,500 g pump chamber and 3,000 g capacity. Water tight septic system will be pumped from side of barn opposite of the utilities and paved parking area to leach fields well outside of the regulated area. There are 80 children in this summer's camps. Oversized system is designed for 960 g per day. Area where leach fields will be located is well drained soil with more than 1' of fill over existing farm fields. Septic tank will be pumped out every other year. Septic plans were submitted to TAHD.

Motion: J. Hamill noted proposed work will not have a significant impact on Wetlands and moved to accept the application for the installation of the septic system, B. Dooley second and vote to accept was unanimous.

5. McGurk – 128 Sheldon Lane – Relocate drainage for 140 sf home addition. (0.007 acres affected). MBL # 196-046-021.

Correction: Agenda originally noted owner as Auer. On 07/09/26, property was purchased by new owner's F. McGurk and A. Perry. E. Jones of Civil 1 was present for the application and

is representing F. McGurk. Plan is to add 4' to the existing garage and a 4' x 16' addition to the kitchen. Garage adds 80 sf and kitchen bump out adds 60 sf. It was noted, the trench drain for relocated on the map is actually a yard drain. Property has an intermittent stream with a foot bridge that is visible and about 60' from the driveway. Additions are away from the wetland area. Location has town sewer and water and does not require TAHD. If approved, project is expected to be completed within six weeks. Chairman Connor will visit the location.

Motion: J. Hamill noted proposed work will not have a significant impact on Wetlands and moved to accept the application for the 140 sq ft addition, M. LoRusso seconded and vote to accept was unanimous.

4. Inland Wetlands Agent Report

None. Land Use Administrator and Inland Wetlands Agent S. Macary again extended regrets for a prior commitment preventing his attendance this evening. He is expected to attend in September.

5. Approval of Minutes – July 8, 2026

Motion: J. Hamill moved to approve the 07/08 minutes, K. Kerr seconded and minutes were approved by M. Connor, J. Hamill, K. Kerr and M. LoRusso. A. Combs and B. Dooley did not attend the 08/14 minutes and abstained.

6. Correspondence

- Inland Wetlands PGP Notification for pond treatments:
  1. Ofman, 29 Dudley Road, Aqua-2026-232, on 7/23 & 8/19.
  2. Oneglia, 24 W. Chestnut Hill Road, Aqua-2026-248ws
  3. Materia Ristorante, 637 Bantam Road, Aqua-2024-071
  4. Schildgen, 221 Richards Rd. Ext., Aqua-2025-111, on 08/07 & 09/09
  5. Tapping Reeve, Route 202, Aqua-2025-192
  6. Schnitzer, 89 South St., Aqua-2024-120

- Litchfield Resident J. Fischer submitted a letter with concerns regarding a complementary ordinance for water-skiing, wake boarding and wake surfing on Bantam Lake. Commissioners received copies of this letter to review for discussion at the September meeting.

7. Adjournment

Motion: M. LoRusso moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm, B. Dooley seconded and vote was unanimous.

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Martin Connor, Chairman Date