LITCHFIELD INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 8, 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 7:01 p.m.
   Members Present: S. Clarkin, M. Connor, J. Hamill, K. Kerr, M. LoRusso.
   Members Absent: A. Combs, B. Dooley,

Application Consideration

2. **Town of Litchfield – Intersection of Old South Road and South Street –** Pavement replacement and stormwater improvements within the upland review area (0.2 acres affected).

   Town Engineer R. Alexe presented the application at the previous meeting and was not required to be in attendance tonight. Work is to complete this last section of a stormwater project started north of the Litchfield Country Club with the final drainage outlet going into the nearby Bantam River. DOT will issue an encroachment permit once IWC approves the application. Work is expected to start at the end of July and will be performed on one side of the street at a time.

   Motion: J. Hamill moved to approve the application to complete area stormwater improvements between the Litchfield Country Club and South Street and restore existing pavement based on the map designed by Haley Ward, Inc. titled *Old South Road Improvements: Intersection of Old South Road & State Route 63 Town of Litchfield* and dated 03/13/2026, K. Kerr seconded and approval vote was unanimous.

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 was present for the application. Property is within 500' of an adjacent town line and requires the applicant to inform the Town of Morris of the proposal. A letter was mailed to the Morris IWC chairman on 07/08. Proposal is to install mafia blocks for approximately 12' on the north side and 35' on the east side at the water edge. Wall will be 3' high. The shore behind the mafia blocks will be raised 3' by using stone gravel, geotextile fabric and soil to level the area before toping off with grass. The water on the opposite side of the mafia blocks is extremely shallow at 6" or less. B. Hagan stated entire lake front area is too shallow to access his boat from his extended dock. Since the shoreline was not eroding and stabilization is usually done with riprap, it was unclear as to the purpose of the proposal. Noting it was the Commissions responsibility to protect the Wetlands, it was felt prudent and feasible alternatives should be explored. As submitted, proposal is considered a significant activity and a public hearing would

be recommended. After discussion, the Commission requested additional information and a soil scientist review for possible alternative solutions. Application is tabled until the 08/12/2026 meeting.

4. **Inland Wetlands Agent Report**
   None.

5. **Approval of Minutes – June 10, 2026**

   Motion: J. Hamill moved to approved the 06/10 minutes, M. Connor seconded and approval by eligible voting members M. Connor, J. Hamill and K. Kerr was unanimous. M. LoRusso and S. Clarkin abstained as they did not attend the 06/10 meeting.

6. **Correspondence**

   - DEEP, Aquatic treatment of blue-green algae on 06/25 for all shores of Bantam Lake.
   - Inland Wetlands PGP Notification for pond treatments:
     1. Ofman, 29 Dudley Road, Aqua-2026-232
     2. Schildgen, 221 Richards Rd. Ext., Aqua-2025-111
     3. Van Gerve, 606 Milton Road, Aqua- 2026-075ws
     4. Tapping Reeve, Route 202, Aqua-2025-192
     5. Schnitzer, 89 South St., Aqua-2024-120

7. **Adjournment**

   Motion: S. Clarkin moved to adjourn at 7:34 pm, M. LoRusso seconded and vote was unanimous.

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Martin Connor, Chairman Date