

SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
July 15, 2025

PRESENT: Frank Galasso, Chairman Mike Humphreys, Merialis Lewis, Diane LaViano, Steve Cohen, Karen Forbes, Jerry Dailey, Marisa Guthrie, I/W Agent Tim Simpkins, Trish Viola, Clerk.

ABSENT: Robert Putnam, Jerome Mendell

Chairman Galasso called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Galasso asked Commissioner Forbes to fill in for Commissioner Putnam

Chairman Galasso asked Commissioner Dailey to fill in for Commissioner Mendell.

Chairman Galasso introduced Tim Simpkins, as the new I/W Agent

I. SITE WALKS – JULY 8, 2025

Michael Carpanzano – 2 Coburn Road West – Application # 11-25

(Repair Existing driveway within the established review area).

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Michael Carpanzano – 2 Coburn Road West – Application # 11-25

(Repair existing driveway)

Mr. Carpanzano attended the meeting. Chairman Galasso read into the record a timeline of this application so that all the new members would understand what was said before and now. Also read into the record was the site walk minutes. Chairman Galasso told Commissioners that he and Vice Chairman Putnam had reach out to the Land Use Town Attorney to get clarification of the meaning of an existing driveway. Chairman Galasso also read that into the record. Commissioners discussed the culvert sizes proposed at length and the meaning of an existing driveway. After a long discussion, Commissioner Humphrey made a motion to deny this application for the following reason: The lack of important information supporting the adequacy of the proposed 30 inch, or 2.5-foot diameter pipe for conveying Quaker Brook under the proposed driveway. If the pipe in question were inadequate, which remains to be determined, there could be significant irreversible and irretrievable loss of wetland and watercourse resources caused by the proposed regulated activity, and such activity would foreclose a future ability to protect, enhance. Or restore these resources. No one seconded the motion. Motion failed. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve this application with the following conditions: (1) permit on site for the duration of the project – (2) contact I/W Agent before starting any work – (3) sequence of work to be done per plan submitted – (4) all erosion controls to be in place – (5) need to submitted copy of letter from Army Corp. stating 2 culvert can be installed – (6) two (2) 30 inch culverts to be installed. Commissioner LaViano seconded the motion. Motion passed 7 yeas 1 nay.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Darvl Hall – 27 Chapel Hill Road – Application # 12-25

(Construct In-ground Pool and convert existing Shed into Pool House & install new septic all within the established review area).

Ms. Megan Miller of Civil Engineering attended the meeting representing Mr. Hall. Ms. Miller described to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Commissioners reviewed the plan and agreed to accept this application. Commissioners scheduled a site walk for 8-5-25. Will be on next month's agenda.

2. **Joseph & Lisa Argento – 19 Deer Run Trial – Application # 13-25**

(Construct a 2nd Story Addition within the existing footprint, proposed 1st Story Addition to front of house expanding the footprint, Construct decks on back of house installing a new septic tank all within the established review area).

Ms. Michell Morris-Micoli of Artel Engineering attended the meeting representing Mr. & Mrs. Argento. Ms. Morris-Micoli described to the Commissioners what they would like to do. Commissioners reviewed the plan and after a brief discussion, Commissioners determined that no work is being done in the wetlands and watercourse, and impacts are likely to be minimal. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to have I/W Agent approved this application administratively. Commissioner Forbes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

3. **Melissa Gordon – 18 Candlewood Lake Drive – Application # 14-25**

(Construct New Single-Family Dwelling with attached Garage, Well, Septic & Driveway all within the established review area).

No one attended the meeting representing Ms. Gordon. Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that Ms. Gordon was out of town and requested that the Commission would except her application and she would be available for the site walk and next month's meeting. Commissioners reviewed the plan and agreed to accept this application and schedule a site walk for 8-5-25. Will be on next month's agenda.

IV. **REVIEW WETLANDS AGENT REPORT:
PERMITS – EXTENSIONS – ANY VIOLATIONS:**

Permits:

Nothing to report.

Extensions:

Nothing to report.

Violations:

Nothing to report.

Reports:

Nothing to report.

V. **MINUTES: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING –5-20-25**

Commissioner LaViano made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected (Under Present (delete) Commissioner LaViano. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. Affidavit of Publication – 6-20-25

B. Affidavit of Publication – 6-26-25

C. Notice of Inland Wetlands Application in Adjoining Municipality regarding 18 Pilgrims Way, New Milford CT.

D. E-mail from Lisa Mariakakis – The Pond and Lake Connection giving notification to treat the lake

Lake Mauweehoo – Leach Hollow Road on or around 6-24-25

Spring Lake Farm – 22 Spring Lake Road on or around 7-23-25.

Cardone – 52 Route 55 on or around 7-23-25

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner LaViano. Motion passed unanimously.

As there was no further business the meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Humphreys
Secretary

Prepared by Trish Viola, Clerk

