

**SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
MAY 19, 2026**

**PRESENT:** Frank Galasso, Chairman, , Mike Humphreys, Merialis Lewis, Steve Cohen, Karen Forbes, I/W Agent Tim Simpkins, Trish Viola, Clerk.

**ABSENT:** Robert Putnam, Diane Laviano, Marisa Guthrie

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

**I. SITE WALKS – NOTHING TO REPORT**

**II. OLD BUSINESS:**

Nothing to report.

**III. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Kelli Lynn Cook – 15 Wagon Wheel Road – Violation # 01-26**

**(Excavation & construction of a parking area with a structural retaining wall without erosion controls in place in an established review area and without the required permit/license).**

Ms. Cook and Mr. Giovanni Florida, contractor attended the meeting. I/W Agent Tim Simpkins told Commissioners that he had issued a violation notice due to the fact that work was done without permits. I/W agent showed Commissioners pictures of the site. Mr. Florida explained to the Commissioners what work was done without the required permits. Mr. Florida submitted a map showing the details of the retaining wall. Commissioners requested an engineer design for the retaining wall, and surveyors survey of the property showing setbacks of the wall and foundation and decks and site plan prepared by a civil engineer with all the upgrades. Commissioners also wants erosion controls to be put in place silt fence and hay bales. Commissioners will walk the site on 6-9-26. Will be on next months' agenda.

**2. Dennis & Rosemary Wallace – 3 Shelter Cove Road – Violation # 02-26**

**(Removal of trees in a wetland without the required permit/license).**

Mr. Wallace attended the meeting. I/W Agent Tim Simpkins told Commissioners that he had issued a violation notice due to the fact that no permit was issued. I/W Agent showed Commissioners pictures of the site where the work was done. Mr. Wallace explained to the Commissioners what he had done and was not aware that he need a permit/license. Mr. Wallace told Commissioners that the trees were dead and unsafe. Commissioners agreed to walk the site on 6-9-26. Will be on next month's agenda.

**3. Dennis & Rosemary Wallace – 3 Shelter Cove Road – Application # 03-26**

**(Removal of trees in a wetland within the regulated area).**

Mr. Wallace attended the meeting. (See Violation # 02-26 above). Commissioners accepted the application and will continue until next month's meeting. Will be on next month's agenda.

**IV. REVIEW WETLANDS AGENT REPORT:**

**PERMITS – EXTENSIONS – ANY VIOLATIONS:**

**Reports:**

Nothing to report.

**Permits:**

Permit # 10-25 – David Dretel – 3 Chapel Hill Road – I/W agent reported work is complete.

Permit # 14-25 – William Mantani – 18 Candlewood Lake Drive – I/W agent reported septic was installed and the work on the foundation has begun.

Permit # 15-25 – Will & Grace Hackett – 20 Wagon Wheel Road – I/W agent reported the site has been cleared.

**Extensions:**

Permit # 27-20 – Villodas – 3 Island View Drive – I/W Agent reported he received a complaint about the site with no erosion controls in place. Commissioners will walk the site on 6-9-26.

**Violations:**

Violation #02-25 – Candlewood Tax District- Candlewood Lake Drive – Driveway & Private Road  
I/W Agent Tim Simpkins told Commissioners that it was giving to the Town Attorney to pursue this violation.

Violation # 01-22 – Daniel & Michele Dries – 6 Oriole Drive –  
I/W Agent Tim Simpkins told Commissioners that it was giving to the Town Attorney to pursue this violation.

**V. MINUTES: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING –4-21-26**

Commissioner Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Forbes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. Affidavit of Publication – 4-30-26

B. E-Mails from The Pond and Lake Connection giving notification to treat the following Lake/permit on or around:

Lake Mauweehoo – Leach Hollow Road – 5-4-26

Spring Lake Farm -22 Spring Lake Road – 5-22-26

Cardone – 52 Route 55 – 5-22-26

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

As there was no further business the meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Humphreys  
Secretary

Prepared by Trish Viola, Clerk