

**SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
JUNE 16, 2026**

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

**ABSENT:** Robert Putnam.

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

Commissioner Guthrie was asked to fill in as a voting member for Commissioner Putnam.

**I. SITE WALKS– JUNE 9, 2026**

**Robert Villodas – 3 Island View Drive – Permit # 27-20**

(New Single Family Dwelling).

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

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

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

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

**II. OLD 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).**

No one attended the meeting representing Ms. Cook. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. I/W agent told Commissioners that he had spoken with her and her surveyor and that they are working on the survey. Commissioners agreed to continue this Violation for next month. Will be on next month's agenda.

Chairman Frank Galasso recused himself.

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

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

Mr. Wallace attended the meeting. I/W agent read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Mr. Wallace explained to the Commissioner that the trees were dead and unsafe. At the site walk Mr. Wallace showed the Commissioners where the path would be to remove the dead trees. After a brief discussion, Commissioners agreed that the Violation was resolved.

Chairman Frank Galasso recused himself.

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

**(Removal of trees within the regulated area).**

Mr. Wallace attended the meeting. (See Violation # 02-26 above). Commissioner Forbes 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 work – (3) trees are to be removed per path that was shown on the map at the meeting. Commissioner LaViano seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

**III. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Jesse Yaeger – 3 Brookside Lane – Application # 04-26**

**(Install 16x40 In-ground pool & fencing all within the established review area).**

Mr. & Mrs. Yaeger attended the meeting. I/W agent told Commissioners that he was at the site and saw that trees were removed already without the required permit. Mr. & Mrs. Yaeger told Commissioners that they were not aware of needing a permit for the tree work. Commissioners requested that they have a survey done showing the wetlands on the map. Mr. & Mrs. Yaeger agreed to have it done and will hope to have it for next month's meeting. Commissioners reviewed the plan, and agreed to accept this application and scheduled a site walk for 7-14-26. Will be on next month's agenda.

**2. William Chemero – 1 Pond View Lane – Application # 05-26**

**(Construct New Single Family Dwelling, Well, Septic & Driveway all within the established review area).**

Mr. Jeff Osborn, Property Manager attended the meeting representing Mr. Chemero. I/W agent told Commissioners that the owner has moved a small part of the house and driveway within the regulated area. Commissioners reviewed the plans and after a brief discussion, Commissioners suggested that there should be a 20 ft. buffer from the wetlands and that markers be place 25-50 ft. apart of the wetlands. After a brief discussion, Commissioner determined that no work is being done in a wetland or watercourses, and impacts are likely to be minimal. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to have I/W agent approve this application administratively, seconded by Commissioner Guthrie. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

**3. Lauren Handelsman – 17 Candlewood Lake Drive – Application # 06-26**

**(Replace existing stairs, install new path stair joinder & small retaining wall all within the established review area).**

No one attended the meeting representing Ms. Handelsman. Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that Ms. Handelsman was unable to attend this evening and requested the Commissioners to accept this application and she will be available for the site walk. Commissioner reviewed the plan, and agreed to accept this application and scheduled a site walk for 7-14-26. Will be on next months agenda.

**4. Robert Villodas – 3 Island View Drive – Violation # 03-26**

**(Clear cutting of the property).**

Mr. Villodas and Mr. Bill Anderson Project Manager attended the meeting. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. I/W agent read into the record the Violation Notice. Mr. Anderson submit a plan showing a mitigation plan for the area of First Light violation below the 440 line. Commissioners explained to the owner and Mr. Anderson that the Commission is requesting a mitigation plan for the area above the 440 line. Mr. Villodas and Mr. Anderson will contact their landscaper to put together a plan and submit it to the Commission for 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:**

Nothing to report.

**Extensions:**

Nothing to report.

**Violations:**

Violation #02-25 – Candlewood Tax District- Candlewood Lake Drive – Driveway & Private Road  
I/W Agent Tim Simpkins told Commissioners that he met with Mr. Tom Derby, President of the Tax District and Mr. Mark Flannagan regarding the violation and is waiting to hear back.

**V. MINUTES: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING –5-19-26**

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

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A. Affidavit of Publication – 5-28-26
- 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 – 5-29-26
  - Spring Lake Farm -22 Spring Lake Road – 6-26-26
  - Cardone – 52 Route 55 – 6-26-26

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

As there was no further business the meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Humphreys  
Secretary

Prepared by Trish Viola, Clerk