

**SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 21, 2026**

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

ABSENT: Diane LaViano, Merialis Lewis, Marisa Guthrie.

Chairman Galasso call the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

I. SITE WALKS– JULY 14, 2026

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).

Jesse Yaeger – 3 Brookside Lane – Application # 04-26

(Install a 16x40ft. In-ground pool & fencing all within the established review area).

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).

Ms. Cook attended the meeting. Ms. Cook thought that her surveys were email to the clerk Trish Viola or the I/W agent. Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that no new information has been received and that just prior to the meeting she had no emails from Ms. Cook. Commissioners told Ms. Cook to fill out an application and submit it with the survey and site plan for next month's meeting. Commissioners agreed to continue this violation for next month. Will be on next month's agenda.

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

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

Mr. Yaeger attended the meeting. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk . At last month's meeting the Commissioners requested a survey showing the wetlands on the map. After the site walk on 7-14-26, the Commissioners agreed that a violation needs to be issued for the work that was done without the required permits. (See under New Business – Violation 04-26). Mr. Yaeger told Commissioners that he has reached out to James McManus, Soil Scientist to give him a mitigation plan and he also has reached out to a surveyor. Commissioners agreed to continue this application for next month meeting. Will be on next month's agenda.

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

(Replace existing stairs all within the established review area).

Mr. Tom Talamantez, friend attended the meeting representing Ms. Handelsman. Chairman Frank Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk. Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that Ms. Handelsman sent an email requesting to amend her application to remove the proposed patio and wall and leave in only the stairs portion. For the stair portion, the proposal is that they be replaced to match the same material as the upper section of stairs already built – blue stone tops with blocks held in place for the risers. Ms. Handelsman also stated that she has an application into First Light with those same details for the few stairs below the 440 line. Commissioners reviewed the revised plans after a brief discussion, Commissioner Cohen 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 work begins – (3) erosion controls to be in place and inspected by I/W agent. Commissioner Forbes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

4. **Robert Villodas – 3 Island View Drive – Violation # 03-26**
(Clear cutting of the property).

No one attended the meeting representing Mr. Villodas. Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that we have not received a mitigation plan for the area above the 440 line. I/W agent told Commissioners that he was out at the site after the last big rain fall and the site was stable and work that was done below the 440 line is complete. Commissioners agreed to continue this violation until next month's meeting. Will be on next month's agenda.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

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

(Tree Cutting in a upland review area and creating a fire pit and log bridge in a regulated area).

Mr. Yaeger attended the meeting. Chairman Galasso read into the record the minutes of the site walk (Under Old Business – Application # 04-26) - Chairman Galasso also read into the record the Violation notice that was sent to the applicant regarding work without the required permits. Commissioners agreed to have the applicant submit a mitigation plan for the area that was disturbed. Mr. Yaeger agreed to submit a mitigation plan. Will be on next month's agenda.

2. **Paul & Anne Robin – 96 Route 37 South – Application # 07-26**

(Install a 26kw generator within the regulated area).

No one attended the meeting representing Mr. & Mrs. Robin. I/W agent told Commissioners that he walk the site with Audette Electric regarding the work they want to do. Commissioners reviewed the plan and determined that no work is being done in a wetland or watercourse, and impacts are likely to be minimal. Commissioner Forbes made a motion to have I/W agent approve this application administratively, seconded by Commissioner Cohen. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

3. **John Ottaviano – 1 Candlewood Lake Drive – Application # 08-26**

(Bring in 400 to 500 yards of material fill to be spread on site all within the regulated area).

Mr. John Ottaviano attended the meeting. Mr. Ottaviano described to the Commissioners what he would like to do. Commissioners reviewed the map and looked at pictures that were submitted at the meeting. After a brief discussion, Commissioners determined that no work is being done in a wetland or watercourse, and impacts are likely to be minimal. Commissioner Cohen made a motion to have I/W agent approve this application administratively, seconded by Commissioner Forbes. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

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

Reports:

Nothing to report.

Permits:

Permit # 23-21 – SHD LLC – 9 Sail Harbour Drive – I/W agent reported work is complete.

Permit # 12-22 – Jorn Futures – 32A Holiday Point Road – I/W agent reported work is complete.

Permit # 06-23 – Sebastina Fortunto – 17 Hillside Drive – I/W agent reported work is complete.

Permit # 13-23 – Ben Fortunto – 17 Hillside Drive – I/W agent reported work is complete.

Permit # 28-24 – Robert Rohatch – 170 Route 39 South – I/W agent reported work is complete.

Permit # 09-25 – John Ottaviano – 1 Candlewood Lake Drive – I/W agent reported work is complete.

Permit # 14-25 – William Mantani – 18 Candlewood Lake Drive – I/W agent reported he is waiting for a survey for the location of the wall.

Extensions:

Nothing to report.

Violations:

Nothing to report.

V. **MINUTES: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING –6-16-26**

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

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. Affidavit of Publication – 6-25-26

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 – 7-1-26

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

As there was no further business the meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Humphreys
Secretary

Prepared by Trish Viola, Clerk