

**SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2026**

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

ABSENT:

Chairman Galasso called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that we have a write in under New Business:
Mr. Greg Marks – 25 Wakeman Hill Road – Application # 12-26

I. SITE WALKS– NOTING TO REPORT

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).
Commissioner Lewis made a motion to vacated the violation, seconded by Commissioner Cohen. Motion passed.(See Under New Business- Application # 09-26)
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. Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that we have received the Soil Scientist report and also the Restoration plan. Commissioners reviewed the information. Commissioners had some concerns about the size of the planting from the nursery and that they should be at least 2inches in circumference or bigger. Mr. Yaeger had no issues regarding the sizes of the plantings. Mr. Yaeger told Commissioners that he is still waiting for the survey. Commissioners agreed to continue this application for next month's meeting. Will be on next month's agenda.
3. **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. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to vacated the violation, seconded by Commission Putnam. Motion passed **(See Above Application # 04-26)**
4. **Robert Villodas – 3 Island View Drive – Violation # 03-26**
(Clear cutting of the property).
Mr. Robert Villodas, Mr. Gary Paist, Project Manager & Mr. Bill Anderson, Contractor attended the meeting. There seems to be a miss understanding with Mr. Anderson and owner regarding what the Commission requested at the June 16, 2026 meeting. The Commission requested a mitigation plan for work to be done above the 440 line. The Commission had told the owner, contractor & manger that the property was clear cut and will require a mitigation plan. Also, Clerk Trish Viola told the applicant that a extension application will be required as the permit will be expiring soon and that an application will be required for of the mitigation plan. Everyone understands what is required now. Commissioners agreed to continue this violation. Will be on next month's agenda.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Kelli Lynn Cook – 15 Wagon Wheel Road – Application # 09-26

Mr. Giovanni Florida attended the meeting representing Ms. Cook. Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that we have received the proposed site improvements plan and the zoning location survey that was requested by the Commission. Commissioners reviewed the plans and determined that no work is being done in a wetland or watercourse, and impacts are likely to be minimal. Commissioner Lewis made a motion to have I/W agent approve this application administratively, seconded by Commissioner LaViano. Motion passed. Granted

**2. Maxim Frayer – 155 Green Pond Road – Violation # 05-26
(Constructing cement and stone stairs down to Green Pond).**

Mr. Frayer attended the meeting. I/W agent read into the record the Notice of Violation. I/W agent told Commissioners what they were doing. Mr. Frayer told the Commissioners that he didn't think he needed a permit. Mr. Frayer explained that the area was unsafe and was trying to make it better. Commissioners looked at the plan showing the area of the work to be done. Commissioners agreed to continue the violation until next month's meeting after the report from the I/W agent.

**3. Maxi Frayer – 155 Green Pond Road – Application # 10-26
(Repair & Replace an existing garden hardscaping walkway all within the established review area).
(See above Violation # 05-26)**

Commissioner LaViano made a motion to have I/W agent approve this application seeing that no work is being done in a wetland or watercourse, and impacts are likely to be minimal. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed. Granted

**4. Samantha & William Butts – 70 Route 55 West – Application # 11-26
(Install Split Rail Fence and rocks along road all within the established review area).**

Mr. & Mrs. Butts attended the meeting. Mr. Butts explained to the Commissioners what he would like to do. Commissioners reviewed the plan and after a brief discussion, Commissioners determined that no work is being 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, seconded by Commissioner Lewis. Motion passed. Granted

**5. Michael Carpanzano – 2 Coburn Road West – Permit # 11-25
(Modification & Name Change)**

Mr. Carpanzano attended the meeting. Chairman Frank Galasso told the audience that this is not a Public Hearing and please reframe from talking out loud. Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that we have received many emails regarding this permit. Chairman Galasso began with an email from a Commissioner to another commissioner regarding the site after the rain storm. Chairman Galasso ask if the Commissioner would like to recuse from this permit if they were a neighbor to the site. Clerk Trish Viola told Commissioners that all emails regarding any correspondence needs to go through her office or I/W agent. Commissioners can't discuss application outside of the meeting. Copies were given to all Commissioners to review (See Correspondence Item D thru J). Chairman Galasso stated that some were very long and that they will not be read into the record at this time and Commissioners will have time to review them and that this will be continue and discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Carpanzano explained to the Commissioners what had happen after the big rain storm, everything was washed out from some of the work that was done. Mr. Carpanzano would like to repair it again to what was previously approved. Commissioners have some concerns about the site at this time weather the plan would work especially after having such a big rain storm. Mr. Carpanzano told Commissioners that he has engaged Mr. Michael Mazzucco to design a plan for this property. However, at this time Mr. Carpanzano would like to put back what was previously approved so he would have access to get into the property to start work and then when he gets the engineer plan he will submit it for approval After a long discussion, Commissioners are going to walk the site on 8-31-26 to see the damage and also scheduled a Special Meeting to follow after the site walk.

6. **Gregory Marks – 25 Wakeman Hill Road – Application # 12-26**

(Driveway cross culver washed out existing 30' pipe (plugged with debris) replace with 36' pipe)

No one attended the meeting representing Mr. Marks. I/W agent told Commissioners that he spoke with Tim Beatty Construction regarding the work they would like to do. The washed out happen after the big rain storm and affect their driveway. Commissioners accepted the application and scheduled a site walk for 8-31-26 with a special meeting to follow after site walks.

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

Reports:

Nothing to report.

Permits:

Nothing to report.

Extensions:

Nothing to report.

Violations:

See Above

V. **MINUTES: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING –7-21-26**

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 – 7-30-26

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 – 8-5-26

Spring Lake Farm – 22 Spring Lake Road-8-19-26

C. E-mail from Commissioner Guthrie regarding 2 Coburn Road West

D. E-mail from Nicholas Rhodes regarding 2 Coburn Road West

E. E-mail from Paul Silva, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

F. Copy of same E-mail from Nicholas Rhodes with First Selectman Don Lowe

G. E-mail from Vanessa Palmer regarding 2 Coburn Road West

H. Copy of e-mail between Nicholas Rhodes and U.S Army Corps and DEEP.

I. E-mail from Gwynne Hayes regarding 2 Coburn Road West.

J. E-mail from U.S.Army Corp Engineers respond to Ms. Hayes.

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

As there was no further business the meeting ended at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Humphreys
Secretary

Prepared by Trish Viola, Clerk

