SHERMAN INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2026

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

ABSENT: Marisa Guthrie, Diane LaViano

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

I. SITE WALKS– NOTING TO REPORT

II. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Clate Korsant – 20A Spring Lake Road – Application # 14-26
(Mechanical Harvesting of Aquatic Plants in Spring Lake).
Mr. Matt Vogt attended the meeting representing Mr. Korsant. Chairman Galasso explained to Commissioners that at last month's meeting we could only received the application and the Commission didn't need to walk the site. Mr. Vogt described to the Commissioners what the harvesting project assessment to determine what needs to be done. The lake is dominated by pondweed and this is why the harvesting is needed. Plants will be cut put on barge and removed at shore to an offsite storage area,. The process will be done several time a year for at least 3 to 4 years. Mr. Vogt requested a 5 year permit. Commissioners asked Mr. Vogt where else has he harvest, he gave numerous examples of similar project. Commissioner Humphreys made a motion to approved this application with the following conditions: (1) permit on site for the duration of the project – (2) check with DEEP Natural Data Base – (3) install matt to be used to enter and exit lake with machine & weeds. Commission Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted

2. Robert Villodas – 3 Island View Drive – Permit # 27-20
(Modification – Mitigation for above the 440' line)
Mr. Villodas attended the meeting. At last month's meeting Commissioners reviewed the plan and had several questions regarding the planting. Commissioners requested that Mr. Villodas attend this month's meeting. Mr. Villodas spoke to the remediation plan for the property, he explained where the clear cutting took place, and he feels that not to much of the property was clear out. Mr. Villodas also stated that the plan was drawn up by a landscape architect. Commissioners questioned the mix wetlands wildflower on the hillside and recommended be a North East wildflower mix instead. Commissioners discussed the tree being used and they all agreed they were adequate. After a long discussion, Commissioner Forbes made a motion to approved this application with the following conditions: (1) permit on site for the duration to the project – (2) all plantings will be of the same quality as used below the 440 line. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Granted.

3. Robert Villodas – 3 Island View Drive – Violation # 03-26
(Clear cutting of the property).
Mr. Villodas attended the meeting. (See Under Old Business). Violation has be resolved.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Christian Hoagland – 20 Terrace Drive – Application # 15-26**
   (Creating a stone patio, repairing existing stairs from parking area to patio all within the established review area).
   Mr. Hoagland attended the meeting. Mr. Hoagland describe to the Commissioners what he would like to do. Commissioner reviewed the plan and 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.

2. **Shenam & Alex Golimbu – 21 Wagon Wheel Road – Application # 16-26**
   (Replace & Repair existing timber tie steps, install tiered retaining walls on back slope to help with erosion of hillside all within the established review area).
   Mr. Garrett Knecht with Scott's Landscaping attended the meeting representing Mr. & Mrs. Golimbu. Mr. Knecht described to the Commissioners what they would like to do,. Commissioners discussed will fill be needed and the agent said all fill will be brought in by buckets. 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 Lewis made a motion to approve this application administratively, seconded by Commissioner Cohen. Motion passed unanimously Granted

IV. REVIEW WETLANDS AGENT REPORT:

PERMITS – EXTENSIONS – ANY VIOLATIONS:

Reports:
Nothing to report.
Permits:
Nothing to report.
Extensions:
Nothing to report.
Violations:
Nothing to report.

V. MINUTES: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING –8-18-26

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

VI. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Affidavit of Publication – 9-24-26
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 – 9-23-26
C. E-Mail from DEEP Wildlife division to inform the town that at 163 Gaylordsville Road they will be using low ground pressure equipment in the wetlands to restore shallow ponds for wildlife habitat.

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