

Town of Thomaston
INLAND, WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes-October 22, 2025

Present: Joe Fainer, Chairman; Tony Samela, Vice-Chairman; Richard Chandon

Absent: Tanya Galpin, Nathan Vieira

Also Present: Tony Adili, Land Use Administrator/WEO; Sara Walker, Recording Secretary;
Steve Saunders

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

Chairman Fainer states for the record there are 3 regular members present constituting quorum.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 24, 2025, Regular Meeting

MOTION made by T. Samela, Seconded by R. Chandon to AMEND the minutes of the September 24, 2025, Regular Meeting as follows paragraph 1, page 2 paragraph 2 page 2 correct Dugg to (Dug) Road and APPROVE as Amended. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Application WP 25-03 at 311 Railroad Street

Applicant: Steve Saunders A and Z Spiritual Healing Center Inc.

Applicant Steve Saunders 311 Railroad Street in attendance.

Chairman Fainer mentioned the Site Walk conducted on September 13, 2025, noting the site was fully visible from the road. Mr. Saunders presented 13 photos of the work being conducted at 311 Railroad Street. The photos were date stamped and entered into the record. Mr. Saunders guided the commission through each photo describing what had been done and what the next step is. Chairman Fainer asked about S & E controls for any debris present. Mr. Saunders pointed out the photos were taken prior to the meeting date and that all debris has already been removed from the site to prevent runoff.

Chairman Fainer then inquired if the other commissioners had questions.

T. Samela asked about holes being dug. Mr. Saunders reports there will be at least 6 holes hand dug. Mr. Samela then asked Mr. Saunders if he could mark the spots for the holes in his photos. After a brief discussion, 8 holes for piers were marked on the photos for the record. T. Samela elaborated that all of this is meant to minimize the amount of debris going into the water.

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Chairman Fainer then asked the commission if this Application is Significant or Not Significant.

MOTION made by T. Samela, Seconded by R. Chandon to declare Application WP 25-03 at 311 Railroad Street NOT SIGNIFICANT Impact on the Wetlands. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION made by T. Samela, Seconded by R. Chandon to SET THE FEE for Application WP 25-03 at 311 Railroad Street at \$125. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION made by T. Samela, Seconded by R. Chandon to APPROVE Application WP 25-03 at 311 Railroad Street based on the Applicants Testimony and Documents Presented. With IWWC's Standard Terms and Conditions. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adoption of 2026 Meeting Schedule

MOTION made by R. Chandon, Seconded by T. Samela to APPROVE the 2026 Meeting Schedule as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS:

Open Space Guidance from our Land Use Attorney. To be reviewed, any questions can be brought to the next meeting.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, STAFF AND COMMITTEES:

- a. IWWC Enforcement Report: None
- b. Review of Inland Wetlands Fee Income and Legal Budget: T. Adili reports Budget is good.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION made by R. Chandon, Seconded by T. Samela to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:24PM. Motion passed unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Walker
Recording Secretary**