## Town of Thomaston Inland, Wetlands and Watercourses Commission Regular Meeting-November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Present:** Joe Fainer, Chair; Tony Samela, Vice Chair; Richard Chandon

Absent: Tanya Galpin, Secretary; Nathan Vieira

**Also Present:** Tony Adili, Land Use Administrator/WEO; Sara Walker, Recording Secretary; Rich Sileo, First Selectmen; Tom Williams, Prospective Member; Steve Dunsky-7:07PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00PM

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025-Tabled

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. POCD Implementation Document Review: T. Adili presents a page of POCD items the IWWC are stakeholders in and can have an impact on implementing.

Discussion ensued

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS:**

A. Open Space Guidance from Town's Land Use Attorney-Dug Road Property-Chairman Fainer stated the Town went to Public Hearing and Vote to Declare it Open Space; when the property was given to the Town, it was Deed Restricted as Use for Open Space. Discussion ensued.

Chair Fainer greets Steve Dunsky, Old Northfield Road; asks how the commission can help him as the commission is moving through the agenda rapidly. Mr. Dunsky asked about Open Space in Town, specifically Town Owned Open Space. Discussion ensued.

Selectmen Sileo read from the POCD: The POCD States Thomaston hopes to preserve and maintain the Open Space they have, expand the amenities they offer through their municipal recreation programs and protect their agricultural resources."

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS, STAFF AND COMMITTEES:

#### a. IWWC Enforcement Report:

T. Adili reports he contacted a property owner on Old Northfield Road, (no address given). He states he called the person and told them to stop; the person put tracking pads in.

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Steve Dunsky of Old Northfield Road then asks to comment. Chair Fainer grants public comment. Mr. Dunsky asks about a parcel on the corner of "Route 109 and Old Northfield Road that appears to be a construction site with no actual construction going on. It has a large mound of fill. Should that fill have silt fencing or anything to reduce the amount of erosion?"

- T. Samela responds that the parcel was permitted, and there is supposed to be silt fencing on the downward slope as part of the work permitted. T. Adili was asked to go by and take a look.
  - b. Review of Inland Wetlands Fee Income & Legal Budget: Nothing new

The discussion then moved to IWWC regulations and operation for the two members of the public as prospective new members of the commission.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by R. Chandon, Seconded by T. Samela to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:40PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Walker Recording Secretary