

**Town of Thomaston
Inland, Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes-September 24, 2025**

Present: Joe Fainer, Chairman; Tony Samela, Vice-Chairman; Tanya Galpin, Secretary;
Richard Chandon, Nathan Vieira

Absent: None

Also Present: Tony Adili, Land Use Administrator/WEO; Sara Walker, Recording Secretary;
Bert Galpin, Water Pollution Control Facility Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00PM

PUBLIC HEARING: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 27, 2025, Regular Meeting

MOTION made by T. Samela, Seconded by R. Chandon to APPROVE the minutes of the August 27, 2025, Regular Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

September 13, 2025, Special Meeting (Site Walk)

MOTION made by T. Samela, Seconded by R. Chandon to APPROVE the minutes of the September 13, 2025, Special Meeting (Site Walk) with spelling Correction for Tony Samela's name. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion of procedures for WPCA
Bert Galpin from WPCA present. Discussion of open permit to allow work/maintenance at WPCA. B. Galpin reports no other work aside from the regular trimming of brush from the walkways. T. Adili asked for a yearly update/ list of work being done. B. Galpin agreed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Application WP-25-03 at 311 Railroad Street
Applicant/Owner: Steve Saunders A and Z Spiritual Healing Center Inc.

Chairman Fainer began with Application Fee has been paid, Site Walk was completed on September 13, 2025. Chairman Fainer pointed out the need for a permit given the work that has already been completed. Discussion ensued. The Commission opted to table the application until the next meeting with hopes the applicant will be present for further information.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS:

- A. Open Space: T. Adili reports the Thomaston Fish and Game is still attempting to move forward with the purchase of portions of the Dugg Road Property. It was stated the property was being appraised. T. Samela suggested further research into the property's restrictions. The commission asked T. Adili to contact Atty. Bryne for clarification on the property and its restrictions. As the Commission believes the property is Deed Restricted as Open Space for the public.
- B. Conservation Commission: J. Fainer again pointed out that the Dugg Road property had to go to a town meeting for a vote to become Open Space. And so would again have to go to town meeting for a vote before any potential sale.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, STAFF AND COMMITTEES:

- A. IWWC Enforcement Report: Nothing
- B. Review of Inland Wetlands Fee Income & Legal Budget: Chairman Fainer instructed T. Adili to communicate to Rich Sileo the budget looks good; however, some legal expenditures are forthcoming.

MOTION made by T. Samela, Seconded by T. Galpin to ADJOURN the meeting at 7:21PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Walker
Recording Secretary