

**Town of Thomaston
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes-January 28, 2026**

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

Absent: Tanya Galpin, Nathan Vieira

Also Present: Tony Adili, Land Use Administrator/WEO; Tom Williams, Prospective Member; Sara Walker, Recording Secretary

Call to Order: 7:00PM

Public Hearing: None

Annual Meeting:

A. Nomination of Officers

MOTION made by J. Fainer, Seconded by R. Chandon to NOMINATE Tony Samela as Chair of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION made by R. Chandon, Seconded by T. Samela to NOMINATE Joe Fainer, Vice-Chair of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION made by T. Samela, Seconded by J. Fainer to NOMINATE R. Chandon Secretary of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Review of Commission By-Laws and Regulations: T. Adili reports no new state statutes or rules therefore no changes necessary.

MOTION made by J. Fainer, Seconded by R. Chandon that NO CHANGES be made to the Thomaston Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission By-Laws and Regulations. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

December 17, 2025

MOTION made by J. Fainer, Seconded by R. Chandon to APPROVE the Minutes of the December 17, 2025, Regular Meeting as presented. Motion passed with 1 Abstained (R. Chandon)

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Old Business:

- A. POCD Implementation: Discussion ensued
- B. RPOCD: Nothing New

New Business:

Sub-Committee Nominations: Discussion ensued. It was decided to add the Conservation Sub-Committee meeting to the IWWC Regular Meeting Agenda monthly.

Communications and Bills:

- A. Update to fee Schedule due to increased costs of posting in newspaper. T. Adili reports fees taken in are not covering the costs to the town. T. Samela and T. Adili will create a presentation for the Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting to be scheduled; giving a full explanation of costs and fees.

Reports of Officers, Staff, and Committees:

- A. IWWC Enforcement Report: Nothing
- a. Review of Inland Wetlands Fee Income and Legal Budget: Review of next year's budget. Discussion ensued.

MOTION made by R. Chandon, Seconded by J. Fainer to APPROVE the Changes made to the Fee Schedule for the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission and SEND the updated Fee Schedule to the Board of Selectmen for review. Motion passed unanimously.

T. Samela and T. Adili to present the Fee Schedule at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on February 3, 2026.

Adjournment:

MOTION made by R. Chandon, Seconded by J. Fainer to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:01PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Walker
Recording Secretary