

**Town of Thomaston  
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes-March 25, 2026**

**Present:** Tony Samela, Chair; Joe Fainer, Vice Chair; Richard Chandon, Secretary; Tanya Galpin, Tom Williams, Alternate

**Absent:** Nathan Vieira

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

**Call to Order:** 7:00PM

**Public Hearing:** None

**Minutes:**

January 28, 2026, Regular Meeting

**MOTION made by T. Galpin, Seconded by R. Chandon to APPROVE the Minutes of January 28, 2026, Regular Meeting as presented. Motion passed**

**Old Business:**

- A. RPOCD Update: T. Adili reports the second focus group was held here at Town Hall on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Much like the POCD, the attendees participate in activities designed to create a Regional Plan of Conservation.
- B. Conservation: Nothing new

**New Business:**

- A. Discussion regarding future use of Hybrid Meetings:

**MOTION made by R. Chandon, Seconded by J. Fainer to DENY the Use of Hybrid Meetings for the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission. Discussion ensued. Motion passed with 1 abstained. (T. Galpin)**

J. Fainer suggested keeping Hybrid Meetings on the Agenda for future discussion.

**Communications and Bills:**

- A. Fee Schedule-Approved at Town Meeting
- B. Commission Members Contact Information- T. Adili is looking for updated, complete contact information for commission members. Brief discussion. No action taken.

**Reports of Officers, Staff, and Committees:**

- A. IWWC Enforcement Report: Checked silt fence at Diezel's property, looks fine.

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T. Samela asked T. Adili if he could do a drive by of Open Permits Properties, check the controls in place and create a list of Permits and their status for the next meeting.

- B. Review of Inland Wetlands Fee Income and Legal Budget: T. Adili reports budget is 65%. T. Adili was asked to report that the IWWC is on track to the Board of Finance.

Vice-Chair Fainer asked Chair Samela if he would be open to discussing Freedom of Information and Executive Session. Chair Samela affirmed. Vice-Chair Fainer noted that Executive Session is off the agenda. That it should not be a standing agenda item. He further suggested a full understanding of purpose and a cross reference to FOIA regulations for each situation ensuring it is allowable in the Executive Session. A cross-reference for each situation before entering Executive Session for every instance was suggested. T. Adili affirmed this a good idea and that his office could provide a guide for the commission.

**Adjournment:**

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sara Walker  
Recording Secretary