

**Town of Thomaston
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes-September 23, 2026**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Bert Galpin, Public Services Superintendent, Rich Sileo, Thomaston First Selectman; Cynthia Rabinowitz, Cassandra McKenna, Lisa Shirk, Sara Izzo, Sara Walker, Recording Secretary

Call to Order: 7:00PM

Public Hearing: None

MOTION made by J. Fainer, Seconded by R. Chandon to AMEND the Agenda to ADD the Elm Street Culvert Collapse and to MOVE up on the Agenda 5b. General Permit for Public Services immediately following. Motion passes unanimously.

Bert Galpin Public Service Superintendent informed the Commission that there is a partial collapse of a culvert under Elm Street. Today they did an emergency repair to excavate the debris that had fallen and uncovered the rest of the top of the culvert so it could be sized by the engineer for a temporary repair for the winter.

Chair Samela asks if he plans to apply for a permit.

Public Services Superintendent asks if he can apply for a long-term permit for this since the work will have to be done again permanently.

Discussion ensued.

B. Galpin will meet with T. Adili in the morning for a permit.

Old Business:

b. General Permit for Public Services (WPCA and Public Works)- T. Adili, Land Use Administrator, did extensive research to put together a General 5-year Permit for Public Services.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Samela asks T. Adili to make the adjustments enumerated in the discussion and bring a draft permit to the next regular meeting. He compliments T. Adili on his hard work.

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Minutes:

July 22, 2026, Regular Meeting

MOTION made by T. Galpin, Seconded by R. Chandon to APPROVE the Minutes of July 22, 2026, Regular Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

September 10, 2026, Special Meeting

MOTION made by T. Galpin, Seconded by R. Chandon to APPROVE the Minutes of September 10, 2026, Special Meeting as Presented. Motion passed with 1 Abstained (R. Chandon)

New Business:

- a. Wetlands Application WP26-02 for remediation at 60 Electric Ave. (Silgan)
Applicant: Ramboll

Michael Janito from Ramboll presents the Application for Remediation. Pointing out the property has been involved in the Connecticut Transfer Act since 2009.

Three primary areas of remediation. Material removal. And then an asphalt cap. The commission reviewed the documents, drawings, and photos presented.

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION made by J. Fainer, Seconded by T. Galpin to ACCEPT Wetlands Application WP26-02 for remediation at 60 Electric Ave. (Silgan)
Applicant: Ramboll
Motion passed unanimously.**

Site Walk is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd at 8AM. Pending Siglan's permission and available staff.

Fees and determinations to be set after the Site Walk.

- b. Permit Extension #2021-08-04-01 for 167 Old Northfield Road: For Christmas Tree Farm.
Discussion ensued. Fee paid. Letter of intent sent by applicant and stamped into record.

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MOTION made by T. Galpin, Seconded by R. Chandon to APPROVE Permit Extension #2021-08-04-01 for 167 Old Northfield Road: For Christmas Tree Farm. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

- a. Rodenticides presentation Northwest Conservation District-Presented by Cassandra McKenna, Lisa Shirk and Cynthia Rabinowitz.
A Place Called Hope-Birds of Prey Rehabilitation Center video was shown.
Video link-<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5QlcL5yxX8>

The Dangers of Bait Boxes and the poisons inside.

Discussion ensued.

They will present to the Board of Selectmen in early October. It is their hope

Thomaston will pass a policy to ban the use of rodenticides on public property.

Sara Izzo asked questions of the presenters. Cassandra McKenna offered to share some resources with Ms. Izzo.

- c. Tom Williams discusses his Dug Road walk with commissioners and shared photos and observations.

Communications and Bills:

- a. Grants: Rec Trails: No updates

Reports of Officers, Staff, and Committees:

- a. IWWC Report: No report.
 - i. Agent Approval 453 Jackson Street-shed on property with no excavation.

Adjournment:

MOTION made by T. Galpin, Seconded by R. Chandon to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:31PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Walker
Recording Secretary