Town of Thomaston
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Special Meeting Minutes-November 4, 2026

Present: Tony Samela, Chair; Joe Fainer, Vice Chair; Tom Williams

Absent: Rich Chandon, Tanya Galpin

Also Present: Tony Adili, Land Use Administrator/WEO; Bert Galpin, Public Services Superintendent, Rich Sileo, Thomaston First Selectman; Sara Walker, Recording Secretary

Call to Order: 5:31PM

OLD BUSINESS:

a. Wetlands Application WP-26-04 at Elm Street and Maple Street for Repair of broken culvert.
   Applicant: Town of Thomaston
   The application was accepted at the October 28th, 2026, Regular Meeting. Bert Galpin reports Tighe and Bond has come back with the engineering for the temporary repair of the broken culvert at Elm and Maple Streets. He presented blueprints and photos which were entered into the application file. And walked the commission through the temporary structure.

   Vice Chair Fainer asked about soil and erosion control.

   Discussion ensued.

   First Selectman Sileo reports they will be having a meeting with Tighe and Bond to discuss the permanent repair starting this week. It was important to get temporary repairs to the street before the asphalt plants close for the winter.

MOTION made by J. Fainer, Seconded by T. Williams to declare Application WP-26-04 at Elm Street and Maple Street for Repair of broken culvert.
Discussion:
J. Fainer adds that given this is upland review, and no active water there is limited opportunity for either deposition or removal of material in and out of a wetland or watercourse.

Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of public hearing.

MOTION made by J. Fainer, Seconded by T. Williams to SET the Public Hearing for Application WP-26-04 at Elm Street and Maple Street for the November 18th, 2026, Regular Meeting due to significant public interest. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:
MOTION made by J. Fainer, Seconded by T. Williams to ADJOURN the meeting at 5:47 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Walker
Recording Secretary