



**MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING**

April 1, 2025

**7:00 PM - Town Hall-Council Chambers
820 Enfield St, Enfield, CT**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSor1ssRU2c>

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Corbin-Sobinski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Fire evacuation announcement was made.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Dylan Bridge, Anne Whitney Collins (via Zoom), Robert Gillespie, Kelly Hemmeler, Virginia Higley, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud, Donna Corbin Sobinski, Kevin Zorda

Absent: None.

Also present was Assistant Planner; Stephen Hiney, and Recording Secretary; Rebecca Jones.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND PETITIONS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

An email was received from Town Planner Laurie Whitten regarding a proposed recycling center in East Longmeadow.

6. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. March 18, 2025

MOTION by: Kevin Zorda **seconded:** Kelly Hemmeler to approve the March 18, 2025 meeting minutes.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Dylan Bridge, Anne Whitney Collins, Kelly Hemmeler, Virginia Higley, Kenneth Kaufman, Donna Corbin Sobinski, Kevin Zorda No: None Abstain: None.

7. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

A. March 24, 2025

Town Attorney report was received. Chair Corbin-Sobinski asked Mr. Hiney why Yankee Casting is not on the list. Mr. Hiney replied that it is his understanding that the Town Attorney report is for pending litigation and once a matter becomes active in court, it is removed from the list. The commissioners were unsure as to the accuracy of Mr. Hiney's response because all the matters on the list are currently in litigation.

8. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

9. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. XIW# 25-03 - Post Road, Simon Road, Weymouth School Road - Application for an Inland Wetlands Permit for roadway improvements, reconstruction, replacement of sidewalks, and replacement of sewer stormwater features; Town of Enfield, Applicant/Owner

Applicant representative was present for the discussion. This is part of the roads referendum and the proposed project is for Post Road, Simon Road and Weymouth School Road. The work on Post Road will be reconstruction and reclamation of the whole length of the road from Phoenix Avenue to Raffia Road. The work on Simon Road will be milled and overlaid. The work on Post Road will be reconstruction and reclamation. Curbing will only be replaced where it exists. Catch basin tops will be reconstructed. Wetlands and tributary locations were shared. There will be no direct impact to the wetlands. Erosion and sediment controls will be used. Mr. Hiney shared staff comments. He noticed silt fencing was missing on part of the site plans and that would be redrawn and submitted to Planning staff.

MOTION by: Kevin Zorda **seconded:** Kenneth Kaufman to approve XIW# 25-03 Post Road, Simon Road, Weymouth School Road with site-specific conditions.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Dylan Bridge, Anne Whitney Collins, Kelly Hemmeler, Virginia Higley, Kenneth Kaufman, Donna Corbin Sobinski, Kevin Zorda No: None Abstain: None.

12. ENFORCEMENT REPORTS

Mr. Hiney spoke with Ms. Driver related to 1695 King Street mentioned by Commissioner Kaufman at the last meeting. Ms. Driver stated that she approved clearing of dead trees via a conversation with the property owner. Commissioner Zorda noted that 1695 King Street is not on the list of active permits. 1700 King Street is listed but it is closed. Mr. Hiney explained that closed does not mean expired, but rather the applicant has completed all

necessary steps in the permitting process. Commissioner Kaufman witnessed two excavators on site, which is not consistent with tree clearing.

Mr. Hiney has not heard back from the property owner at Post Office Road and a Cease and Desist was sent to the property owner at Oliver Road. There has been no work done on the Oliver Road site since the issuance. The property owner for Hillyer Drive came in to speak with Town staff and will be back before the commission with an update shortly. Chair Corbin-Sobinski directed Mr. Hiney to contact the owner for Post Office Road again for a timeline.

13. PLANNING STAFF REPORT

None.

14. APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED

A. **AAA# 141 - Parsons Road** - Application for an Agent Approval for minor tree clearing within the Upland Review Area; Chris Marszalek, Applicant, Our Town Home Buyers LLC Owner, Map 11/Lot 18, R-33 Zone

B. **AAA# 142 - 115 Parsons Road** - Application for an Agent Approval for minor tree clearing, driveway regravelling, and regrading within the Upland Review Area; Chris Marszalek, Applicant, Our Town Home Buyers LLC Owner, Map 11/Lot 17, R-33 Zone

15. MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Zorda asked why AAA# 141 - Parsons Road is a request for agent approval as it is not minor work. Mr. Hiney explained that the applicant worked with Town staff and selected multiple options under 'application type' but the commissioners will still hear this proposal.

Commissioner Renaud reviewed proposed Bill #1313 and believes the commission will not be excluded and will still maintain their jurisdiction.

Town Council's leadership will review the proposed wetlands ordinance, and they will decide if a hearing is necessary. Town staff will be present at the hearing.

Mr. Hiney distributed a list of open permits to the commissioners but needs to do a more thorough review to ensure he has not forgotten any permits.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Virginia Higley, seconded: Kelly Hemmeler to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Higley

Secretary

Rebecca Jones

Recording Secretary