

MEETING MINUTES

Waterford Conservation Commission

July 10, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Auditorium, Waterford Town Hall

Members Present: Keith Kriet, Tali Maidelis, Richard Muckle, Ivy Plis
Members Absent: David Lersch, Geneva Renegar, Wade Thomas
Alternates Present: David DeNoia
Alternates Absent: Matthew Shea
Staff Present: Maureen FitzGerald, Environmental Planner

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Muckle at 6:30 p.m.
D. DeNoia was seated for D. Lersch.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Made by T. Maidelis, seconded by K. Kriet to approve the June 12, 2025 meeting minutes.

Vote: 5 - 0

3. NEW APPLICATIONS - No new applications received.

4. APPLICATION REVIEW – No applications reviewed.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Release of Bond – Permit #C-15-11: 11 Oak Road wetland mitigation planting

The Commission reviewed photographs of the wetland conservation area taken by staff and the monitoring reports prepared in accordance with the permit requirements.

Motion: Made by K. Kriet, seconded by T. Maidelis to release the remaining bond amount for the wetland mitigation planting to the developer.

Vote: 5 - 0

Public Act 25-73: concerning training for inland wetland agencies

Staff discussed the up-coming training requirements for commission members and staff.

CACIWC 2025/12026 Sustaining Membership renewal - \$75.00

Motion: Made by K. Kriet, seconded by I. Plis to renew the CACIWC sustaining membership for \$75.00.

Vote: 5 - 0

39 Niantic River Road: Request to cut and remove vegetation adjacent to wetlands: Section 4.1.d

Staff reported that the application for a 4.1.d permitted use was received after the agenda was posted but within the statutory timeframe for the Commission to accept and review at this meeting.

The Commission reviewed a site map and aerial photo of the area proposed to be maintained. Staff explained multi-flora rose is established along the eastern edge of the wetland and phragmites is the primary vegetation in the wetland and channel. The Commission determined the manual cutting and removal of invasive shrubs up to the edge of the delineated wetland boundary is a permitted use under Section 4.1.d as maintenance. It was noted that the use of any machinery to conduct the activity requires an additional review and determination by the Commission.

Motion: Made by T. Maidelis, seconded by D. DeNoia to authorize the manual removal of invasive shrubs up to the boundary of the wetland under Section 4.1.d of the regulations.

Vote: 5 - 0

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- Report of Commission Action to PZC - #C 25-06 – 51 Daniels Avenue
- *The Habitat* - Spring 2025 issue

Correspondence was received.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Made by T. Maidelis, seconded by I. Plis to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 pm.

Vote: 5 - 0

Respectfully Submitted,


Maureen FitzGerald
Environmental Planner