

**TOWN OF SALEM  
INLAND WETLANDS & CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.  
SALEM TOWN HALL – CONFERENCE ROOM 1**

**The minutes submitted below have been filed in accordance with  
Section 1-225 of the CT General Statutes. They are subject to final approval with or  
without amendments by a vote of the Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission.  
Approval and any such amendments will be detailed in subsequent minutes.**

**1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Khan-Bureau called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**2. Roll Call/Seating of Alternates**

Present were Chairperson Diba Khan-Bureau, Vice Chairperson Roger Phillips, Commissioners Jennifer Messervy (7:02 p.m.) and Jim Mulholland and Alternate Commissioners David Carlson and LaVan Norwood. Absent were Commissioners Jim Miller and Dean Wojcik and Alternate Commissioner Larry Moore. Also present was Wetlands Enforcement Officer (WEO) Matthew Allen.

*Alternate Commissioners Carlson and Norwood were seated for the vacant position and Commissioner Miller, respectively.*

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**M/S/C: Mulholland/Messervy, to approve the Tuesday, February 5, 2024 Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission Regular Meeting Agenda, with the following addition:**

**7(c) Proposed FY2024/25 Budget**

**Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor.**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

**a. Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, January 2, 2023**

**M/S/C: Mulholland/Messervy, to approve the Monday, January 2, 2024, Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.**

**Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0-1. Voting in Favor: Commissioners Carlson, Messervy Mulholland, Phillips, and Khan-Bureau. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Commissioner Norwood.**

**5. Public Comment**

John Hummel, Orchard Road, Uncasville, provided documentation and spoke regarding the

ongoing violation at 343 and 343-R Old Colchester Road and continuing failures of the Erosion & Sedimentation (E&S) control measures.

Chairperson Khan-Bureau interrupted Mr. Hummel and informed him that the item was on the Agenda for discussion.

**6. Public Hearing – *none***

**7. New Business**

**a. Violation at 343 Old Colchester Road**

Chairperson Khan-Bureau reported that she met with both the First Selectman and the new Town Planner Liz Burdick, who is working with CLA Engineers, Inc., to resolve the issue.

WEO Allen provided a brief overview of the violation, stating that the Planning & Zoning Commission approved a subdivision application for the property with conditions. One of the conditions included the installation of E&S Controls that are to be inspected following each rain event, measuring 1” or more over a 24-hour period. Due to the recent extreme amount of precipitation, the E&S Control measures have proved insufficient. An application and proposed plan are expected to be submitted to the Inland Wetlands & Conservation and Planning & Zoning Commissions to increase the capacity of the control measures.

**b. Bridge at 270 Hartford Road**

Chairperson Khan-Bureau reported that the bridge along the Harris Brook Trail by Round Hill Road, which has twice washed out during heavy rainstorms, has been removed. After meeting with the Selectmen Butcher and Chmielewski, it was decided to revisit the matter when the weather warms.

**c. FY2024/25 Proposed Budget**

Chairperson Khan-Bureau recommended increasing line item 5-610-324, Conferences, by \$100.00 to accommodate expenses for additional training.

**M/S/C: Khan-Bureau/Messervy, to approve the proposed FY2024/25 Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission budget of \$3,700.00, with the following increase:**

Line Item	FY2023/34 Budget	FY2024/25 Proposed Budget
5-610-324, Conferences	\$200.00	\$300.00

**Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor.**

**8. Old Business**

**a. IWCC #24-01 – 3 Rattlesnake Ledge Road – Application of Debra Suchowirsky for a permit for a regulated activity related to dredging of an existing pond**

Discussion ensued regarding the Application. WEO Allen informed the Commissioners that decisions cannot be rendered on an Application within 15 (fifteen) days of receipt. As such, their decision to deny the Application during their previous meeting was not valid. He also informed them that, should they deny an Application, without prejudice, the Applicant is prohibited from re-submitting the Application for a period of six (6) months.

**M/S/C: Phillips/Mulholland, to deny Application IWCC #24-01 – 3 Rattlesnake Ledge Road – Application of Debra Suchowirsky for a permit for a regulated activity related to dredging of an existing pond without prejudice. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor.**

**8. Wetlands Agent's Report – none**

**9. Correspondence/Announcements/Critique**

Chairperson Khan-Bureau informed the Commissioners that all Land Use Commissioners will be invited to attend their February Regular Meeting during which Land Use Attorney Mike Ziska, author of *What's Legally Required? A Guide to the Legal Rules for Making Local Land Use Decisions in the State of Connecticut*, will be providing a training session.

**11. Adjournment**

**M/S/C: Phillips/Khan-Bureau, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 6-0, all in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted by: Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Salem

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