INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

Town of Trumbull

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MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the videoconference meeting to order at 7:01 pm

PRESENT:	Chairman Richard Girouard	Secretary Greg Csernica
	Vice-Chairman John Lauria	Carmine DeFeo
	Robert Ferrigno	Richard Deecken
ABSENT:	David Verespy	

ALSO
PRESENT: John Mayer, Civil Engineer, Town Attorney James Cordone, Tatiana Solovey, Assistant Town Engineer

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For the record Attorney Cordone provided an overview for hosting IWWC meeting via zoom teleconferencing and the procedures to be followed.

NEW BUSINESS OPENED at 7:03 pm

Application 26-05	Alexandria Casabianca	Permit approval for a proposed new single family residence within a regulated area at 38 Pinewood Trail.

Application was withdrawn as requested by applicant via email on March 3, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS CLOSED at 7:03 pm

OLD BUSINESS OPENED at 7:03 pm

MOTION (Csernica) SECONDED (Deecken) to take Application 25-25 out of order.
VOTE to TAKE APPLICATION OUT OF ORDER CARRIED unanimously

Application 25-25	15 Plum Tree LLC	Permit approval to construct a 3 story apartment building & 9 attached townhouses, a retaining wall, subsurface stormwater detention system, level spreader, sidewalks and storm drainage within a regulated area at 5 & 15 Plumtree Lane.

MOTION (Csernica) SECONDED (Deecken) to DENY WITHOUT PREJUDICE for the following reasons:

1. The Commission finds that the applicant failed to satisfy the application submission requirements and that the application is therefore incomplete. Pursuant to Section 8.7 of our regulations, an "incomplete application may be denied.

   - Specifically, required plans and supporting documentation were not submitted to the Town of Trumbull.

   - Items submitted were not submitted within a timeframe sufficient to allow proper review by the Engineering Department and the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission. Additionally, materials required for the Public Hearing were not submitted in advance or made available for public review and comment prior to the noticed Public Hearings.

   - As a result, the Commission and the Public were denied access to timely and complete application materials and plans.

2. The Commission finds that, based in part on independent expert testimony presented at the January 13, 2026 Public Hearing, that substantial evidence exists that a certain drainage channel is an intermittent watercourse. Further observation of this channel is required in the spring.

VOTE to DENY WITHOUT PREJUDICE CARRIED unanimously

Application 26-02	Joseph Juliano	Permit approval for an inground pool within a regulated area at 17 Apple Gate Lane.

Tracy Chalifoux, Landscape Architect, provided answers to questions from the last meeting. There is no backwash system on the pool. Native plantings have been added. The existing propane will be removed with a new underground propane being installed underground. Labels have been added to the plans. Plan sheet names and numbers have been corrected. The area of disturbance in upland area is 4150 sq ft and the amount to be excavated will be 3900 sq ft. It was requested that approval be granted and based on site walk. The Commission requested the volume of disturbance for cut and fill be provided.

MOTION (Csernica) SECONDED (Ferrigno) to CONTINUE to the April 7, 2026 meeting
VOTE TO CONTINUE CARRIED unanimously

Application 25-43	Aris W. Stalis	Permit approval for restoration & reconstruction of existing residence; landscaping, replacing driveway & front walk and installation of stormwater retention system within a regulated area at 201 Old Dike Road.

Aris Stalis, Landscape Architect and Applicant, informed the Commission that more plantings were added to the plan. No impact to stormwater even with including the stone wall. A wetland scientist has been engaged to inspect the swale once the snow melts. The applicant asked if the Commission would grant permission for the building work to start that would include removing the roof and starting work on the building/framing. The IWWC Agent explained that a building permit is based off and contingent on wetlands approval and there is not a way procedurally to change that to grant that permission.

MOTION (Csernica) SECONDED (DeFeo) to CONTINUE to the April 7, 2026 meeting
VOTE TO CONTINUE CARRIED unanimously

OLD BUSINESS-CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Application 25-10	Emilia Ferri	Permit approval to legalize existing improvements for retaining wall location, topographic contour changes, proposed underground infiltration system location and new rear deck within a regulated area at 6 Sycamore Street. Modification of Application 21-07.
Application 25-11	Emilia Ferri	Permit approval to legalize proposed retaining wall location, relocate scour hole location and encroachment of limit of disturbance within a regulated area at Lot 321 Sycamore Street.

Attorney Cordone read into record the letter received from Attorney Willinger, Jr. requesting a continuance to the April 7, 2026 meeting due to a pending meeting with DEEP for clarification of the Released Base Clean Up regulations.
MOTION (Csernica) SECONDED (Ferrigno) to CONTINUE to the April 7, 2026 meeting.
VOTE to CONTINUE CARRIED (4 FOR/1 AGAINST-Deecken/1 ABSTAINED-Lauria)

OLD BUSINESS CLOSED at 7:43 pm

MINUTES
By unanimous consent the Commission VOTED to ACCEPT the meeting minutes of February 3, 2026

SCHEDULE FIELD INSPECTION(S)-MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026 beginning at 2:30 pm

Application 26-02	Joseph Juliano	17 Apple Gate Lane
Application 25-43	Aris Stalis	201 Old Dike Road

Commissioner Deecken: P&Z update
There are 2 applications that were brought to the P&Z commission that may come before IWWC Commission.
211 Teller Road – wetlands on property
Reservoir Ave-potential brook on property

By unanimous consent the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Colleen Lombardo
Colleen Lombardo, Clerk