

CHAPLIN
INLAND WETLANDS, WATERCOURSES AND CONSERVATION
COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meeting

August 27, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.

Chaplin Town Hall

Present: S. Matthies, V. Walton, S. Rusch, D. Field, P. Kegler,
Staff: J. Theroux, Wetland Agent; Susan Welshman, Recording Secretary
Others: Mr. David Stepule

S. Matthies called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Alternates seated: V. Walton for D. Cates

Review and approval of the minutes from Wednesday, February 26, 2025, regularly scheduled meeting:

Motion by D. Field to approve regular meeting minutes for the 2/26/2025 meeting:

Second by P. Kegler. All in favor.

Motion passed.

Audience of Citizens: None

Additions to the Agenda: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mr. David Stepule: 00 Natchaug Street, construction of driveway crossing and wood walkway. Applicant D Stepule attended the meeting. Application packets were distributed to the Commission members. Location, property markers and soil scientist map were discussed. V Walton asked if the applicant was planning on building a house. D Stepule responded that, no, they are just looking to create an entrance and access to the property and river. They are hoping to construct a floating walkway over the wetlands as a way to make traversing down to the river stable and accessible for friends and family. Chair S Mathies suggested individual site walks by Commission members to familiarize themselves with the site. He asked the applicant to flag the proposed driveway entrance as well as where the walkway will be placed. **MOTION by P Kegler to accept the application as presented. Seconded by V Walton. All in favor. MOTION passed.**

Correspondence: None

Administrative Report:

- Quiet Corner Hops Farm: Notice of Violation, Cease, Desist and Correct Order. Agent Joe Theroux gave the Commission an overview of the nature of the violation which includes the removal of stone walls, stone excavation, grading and disturbance directly adjacent to and in the wetlands on property located at 261 Bedlam Road/South Bedlam Road. Agent J Theroux has spoken with Quiet Corner Hop Farm Managing Member

William Ireland on the phone. Mr. Ireland was not able to attend a Show cause Hearing for the Notice of Violation/Cease, Desist and Correct Order until the first week of September. A Show Cause hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 7 PM in the Town Hall.

Conservation Commission Business: None

Commission Discussion: P Kegler led a discussion concerning water run off and the new proposed parking lot at the Senior Center. J Theroux stated that a wetlands permit application and engineered site plans will be necessary for this project going forward.

S Matthies mentioned that three members' terms are ending in November. These members are P Kegler, D Cates and alternate M Jenkins. P Kegler stated that he wishes to be reappointed. S Matthies will reach out to the other two members.

Adjournment: Motion by S. Rusch to adjourn, Second by P Kegler. All in favor.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Welshman

Recording Secretary