BOLTON INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
7:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2026
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Inland Wetlands Commission Members Present Via Zoom: Chair Ross Lally, Vice Chair Michael McDonnell, Member James Loersch (7:17 p.m.), Member Diane DeNunzio. Absent was Member David Lynn.

Staff Present Via Zoom: Wetlands Agent Alyssa Barroso, Board Clerk Mary Johnston

Others Present Via Zoom: Rodney Fournier, Tyler Egner, Joe Quirk

R. Lally called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

The Commission members stated their qualifications.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
M. McDonnell MOVED to approve the agenda. D. DeNunzio SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
3a. August 25, 2026, Regular Meeting
D. DeNunzio MOVED to approve the August 25, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. M. McDonnell SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

4. OLD BUSINESS
4a. IW-26-6: Rodney Fournier – 4 Hanover Farms Rd – Construct a 40' x 28' Detached Garage
R. Fournier clarified the total length of the proposed garage is 40 feet and there is a 28-foot-deep piece and a 20-foot-deep piece which was confusing. R. Fournier said he added a stockpile location with some type of barrier such as a straw waddle. R. Fournier added he will also add a straw waddle along the stone wall. R. Fournier added the type of foundation for the proposed garage. R. Fournier will either hire someone to haul away the stockpile or spread it on a different location.
M. McDonnell MOVED to delegate to the Wetlands Agent with the provisions to follow state guidelines for erosion and sedimentation control and that the work conforms to the plans as presented. J. Loersch SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5a. Jurisdictional Ruling – Joe Quirk – 32 Shoddy Mill Road – Timber Harvest

A. Barroso explained this application is for the timber harvest of 20 acres and was brought before the Commission because there are two wetland stream crossings. J. Quirk said he is the Supervising Forest Products Harvester and that the owner is Deborah Barrett. J. Quirk said the harvest will consist primarily of mature oak, with potential pine removal. J. Quirk said all forestry bridges are temporary, known as wetland mats or bridge timber mats, and will be removed when the project is completed. J. Quirk discussed the culvert located on the property and stated that some disturbance may be required around the entrance and exit of the pipe. M. McDonnell recommended checking the legacy culvert after the work is completed to ensure it has not been crushed or damaged. M. McDonnell MOVED to issue a jurisdictional ruling finding the proposed timber harvest to be an activity permitted as of right under Section 3.2a of the Inland Wetlands Regulations. J. Loersch SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

5b. Jurisdictional Ruling – Tyler Egner – 10 French Road – Cutting Disease Trees

A. Barroso explained that T. Egner wants to remove several dead, dying, and diseased trees on his property. T. Egner said most of the trees are damaged from insects, road salt, and disease. T. Egner said he will be doing the work with the help of his neighbor using rigging, cables, and ropes. T. Egner said he will not be using large equipment. The Commission did not object to T. Egner felling the standing dead pine and leaving it on site. J. Loersch MOVED to find the proposed work to be an activity permitted as of right under Section 3.2d of the Inland Wetlands Regulations, applicable to activities and uses incidental to the enjoyment of residential property. M. McDonnell SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

6. WETLANDS AGENT REPORT

A. Barroso gave an update on the 6 Steels Crossing which has been resolved. A. Barroso was able to meet with the property owner to go over everything, and the owner knows how to stabilize and seed the area in question. A. Barroso said the property is going to work on it next week. R. Lally asked for a follow-up at the next meeting. A. Barroso said she was able to contact the property owners at 11 Goodwin regarding a stockpile near the stream on their property. A. Barroso said the stockpile is actually like riprap/stone. A. Barroso said she is going to send a letter to 273 Hebron because there is still some unstable area, the silt fence was still up, and it was kind of getting dilapidated. A. Barroso said she will work with the new property owners. R. Lally asked about the stone wall installed on Brandy Street and possible wetlands near the wall and asked A. Barroso to check on it. A. Barroso said all other permits are good. A. Barroso asked about a footing drain in the lake at 25 Vernon. J. Loersch said to get a sketch of where it is being placed, where it is draining, what corner it comes out of, and where it drains to. R. Lally suggested having the property owner come with a modification to the original permit. After discussion, the Commission tasked A. Barroso to manage this in the field and if it turns out to be a bigger issue, to come back to the Commission.

7. OTHER

7a. Discussion Regarding Joint BOS & Land Use Commission Meeting Scheduled on 11-17-26, Which Conflicts with the IWC Regular Meeting Also Scheduled on 11-17-26.

The Commission discussed when to hold the November regular meeting. After discussion, R. Lally will find out more information about the joint meeting and possibly schedule the Commission's meeting on November 16, 2026.

7b. Updates to Fee Schedule

R. Lally said, after not receiving any comments, the next steps would be to take it to the Selectmen for consideration and approval. If approved, the fee schedule will be added to the Town's website in the codification system. A. Barroso suggested changing the bottom sentence to "Issuance of a Minimal Impact Permit solely by the duly authorized Inland Wetlands Agent is subject to specific site conditions." R. Lally said he will work to add this item to the Selectmen's agenda.

7c. Ongoing Discussion & Review of Proposed Updates to Wetlands Regulations

A. Barroso said the proposed updates to the Wetlands Regulations are being reviewed by staff now.

7d. Cease and Correct - Alexey Ouzonov & Tenant – 37 Notch Road – Debris in Wetlands

R. Lally said a meeting was held today with M. McDonnell, A. Barroso, Town Administrator Jim Rupert, and the Town Attorney to discuss the Cease and Correct. R. Lally said challenges were identified with the property: previous disturbance on the property 20 years ago; is there or is there not a violation of agricultural exemption issued several years ago; and location of map showing the agricultural exemption which has disappeared. A. Barroso said she is meeting with A. Ouzonov on Friday and will report back. R. Lally said they will review Minutes and other information to try to resolve the issue. M. McDonnell said you might ask A. Ouzonov if he has a copy of the original mapping that was part of the permit. R. Lally explained the process on how to remediate the issue.

8. ADJOURNMENT

M. McDonnell MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m. D. DeNunzio SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by Mary J. Johnston

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BOLTON INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
7:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2026
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

Inland Wetlands Commission Members Present Via Zoom: Chair Ross Lally, Vice Chair Michael McDonnell, Member James Loersch. Absent were Member Diane DeNunzio and Member David Lynn.

Staff Present Via Zoom: Wetlands Agent Alyssa Barroso, Board Clerk Mary Johnston

Others Present Via Zoom: None

R. Lally called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

The Commission members stated their qualifications.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
M. McDonnell MOVED to approve the agenda. J. Loersch SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3:0:0

2. PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
3a. September 22, 2026, Regular Meeting
M. McDonnell MOVED to approve the September 22, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. J. Loersch SECONDED the motion. R. Lally stated that Section 7(d) of the minutes should describe the status of the meeting regarding 37 Notch Road and outline next steps. M. McDonnell AMENDED his motion to include this addition. J. Loersch SECONDED the amendment. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3:0:0 as amended.

Later in the meeting, it was discovered the Motion Minutes were posted on the Town's website and provided in the packet. The Clerk will send the Meeting Minutes to the Commission and staff for consideration at the November meeting.

4. OLD BUSINESS
None.

5. NEW BUSINESS
5a. Set 2027 Meeting Dates
M. McDonnell MOVED to approve the following 2027 meeting dates as presented: January 26, February 23, March 23, April 26, May 24, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28,

October 25, November 16 (Third Tuesday) and December 21 (Third Tuesday). J. Loersch SECONDED the motion. A. Barroso said the October date should be October 26, and December should be December 14. M. McDonnell AMENDED his motion to make the changes. J. Loersch SECONDED the amendment. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0 as amended.

After discussion later in the meeting, J. Loersch MOVED to approve the 2027 Meeting Dates as follows: January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28, October 26, November 16 (Third Thursday) and December 14 (Second Tuesday). M. McDonnell SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3:0:0.

5b. FY 27-28 Budget Approval

J. Loersch MOVED approve the FY 27-28 Budget the same dollar amount as the current fiscal year. M. McDonnell SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3:0:0.

6. WETLANDS AGENT REPORT

A. Barroso reported inspections at 87 Brandy Street, 217 Hebron and 7 Plymouth passed and work at 25 Vernon Road continues. A. Barroso said at 6 Steels Crossing, the fill-related concern was resolved with vegetation shown and no fill observed in the river. A. Barroso said possible additional clearing and material piles near wetlands were detected at 273 Hebron Road and she sent the property owner a notice of violation. A. Barroso said the clearing at 40 Brandy Street was described as a meadow conversion outside the wetlands; wetland areas are farther back on the property.

7. OTHER

7a. Updates to Fee Schedule

R. Lally said the proposed fee schedule was forwarded to the Commission and will be presented to the Board of Selectmen for review. R. Lally said a public hearing for the proposed fee schedule changes is necessary for public input.

7b. Ongoing Discussion & Review of Proposed Updates to Wetlands Regulations.

The Commission discussed the purpose and agenda for the November joint land-use meeting remained unclear. This meeting may conflict with the Commission's November regular meeting. R. Lally said he will ask for clarification for the purpose of the meeting and a copy of the agenda. R. Lally said he will compile the notes he received on the proposed updates to the regulations.

7c. Cease and Correct - Alexey Ouzonov & Tenant – 37 Notch Road – Debris in Wetlands

The Commission continued their discussion on the Cease and Correct at 37 Notch Road. R. Lally said he could not locate the historical hand-drawn map for the previously approved agricultural exemption, so the exact boundary was not in the file. The Commission agreed the exemption was limited to approximately 5,000 square feet in the general area discussed and shown at this meeting, for agricultural uses such as growing blueberries and mushrooms. The Commission tasked A. Barroso to work with Mr. Ouzonov to define and document an agreed 5,000 square foot boundary and bring it back to the Commission. The

wood processing and wood storage for residential or commercial purposes are not covered by the agricultural exemption and must cease or be removed from that designated area. The Commission then discussed the filled area outside of the exemption as a violation. J. Loersch MOVED to instruct the Wetlands Agent to meet with Alexey Ouzonov to define a 5,000 square foot area for the agricultural exemption and instruct him there is to be no activities in that area not related to the exemption meaning ceasing of processing of wood and removing the wood from the area that is being done for residential use, not agricultural or commercial use. M. McDonnell SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3:0:0.

M. McDonnell MOVED to have Alexey Ouzonov engage a contractor to mitigate the violation in the area shown and restore to its pre-existing pre-violation condition with the understanding that he will have some hired and can give the Commission an initial rough plan by the February 2027 meeting. J. Loersch SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3:0:0.

8. ADJOURNMENT

J. Loersch MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. M. McDonnell SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by Mary J. Johnston

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