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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