

BOLTON INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

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

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

Others Present Via Zoom: Andrew Bushnell, Harrison Gray, Rod Parlee, John Pozzato, Alan Picknow – Vice Chair of the Bolton Conservation Commission

The Commission said their professional qualifications.

1. Approval of Agenda

M. McDonnell MOVED to approve the agenda. J. Loersch SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

2. Public Comment:

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

3a. February 24, 2026, Regular Meeting

M. McDonnell MOVED to approve the February 24, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. D. Lynn SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

4. Old Business

4a. #IW-26-1: 217 Hebron Rd – Harrison Gray – Construct a Single-Family Residence within Upland Review Area

A. Bushnell reported he had adjusted the meter line, added silt fences to the westerly side of the driveway, the inlet/outlet drain is functioning and will tie the curtain drain into that, adjusted the curtain drain location slightly to work better, and install a new curtain drain.

M. McDonnell MOVED to approve #IW-26-1 with the conditions be done in accordance with this plan of record dated February 26, 2026, revised and any erosion and sedimentation controls be done in accordance with the current guidelines, and sedimentation fence along the roadway as needed. D. Lynn SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

5. New Business

5a. IW-26-2: Modification of IW-25-3 – 25 Vernon Rd – John Pozzato – Dock, Roof Overhang, Crawlspace

A. Barroso explained the proposed changes/modification to IW-25-3. John Pozzato recently purchased the property and is requesting a 5' x 12' floating dock, an 8' wide roof overhang over the deck and a 4' crawlspace for utilities. A. Barroso said the footprint will not change, but the roof changes. J. Loersch asked what will happen to the fill after excavation of the crawlspace. J. Pozzato replied it will be live loaded out of the property. M. McDonnell asked that the floating dock be specified on the permit. After discussion on the installation of floating docks, R. Lally asked J. Pozzato to do research on the dock type and decide for next month's meeting.

5b. Jurisdictional Ruling – 25 Vernon Rd – John Pozzato – Fence

J. Pozzato said it will be a split rail fence to be used as a property boundary to separate the two yards. R. Lally asked J. Pozzato to provide dock specifications and fence plan for the next meeting. The Commission will consider the fence with #IW-26-2: Modification of #IW-25-3.

6. Wetlands Agent Report

A. Barroso reported things are picking back up and she is back performing regular inspections. A. Barroso said 148 Brandy will be one more inspection to sign off. A. Barroso said she will be performing site visits at 44 Notch, checking vernal pools with Barb Kelly. A. Barroso will be revisiting 65 Shoddy Mill to see the progress. R. Lally asked about 80 Brandy where truck loads of materials are being dumped for fill. A. Barroso said a single-family home is being constructed at this site. R. Lally asked where the salamanders were seen. A. Barroso replied she saw wood frog eggs, etc. at the library.

7. Other

7a. Letter Dated February 26, 2026, Submitted by Rodney E. Parlee, Chair of the Bolton Conservation Commission Regarding Herrick Park Soccer Field

Chair Rod Parlee of Bolton Conservation Commission, discussed the proposed Herrick Memorial Park Soccer Field that was approved recently and expressed concerns with the project. R. Parlee requested the Conservation Commission receive Inland Wetlands Commission meeting agendas in the future. R. Parlee reviewed the letter that was sent to the Town with several questions and observations:

- 1) Use of Glyphosate and Soil Recommendations – A. Barroso said glyphosate will not be used-using sod cutter
- 2) Canopy Removal Adjacent to a Cold-Water Stream and NDDDB area - R. Lally said the Commission ruled on this with the information provided at the time and this is after the fact and is not hearing any concrete evidence that there is a direct impact on the work. M. McDonnell discussed the jurisdiction of Inland Wetlands review areas and impact. Discussion was held of this item on three meeting agendas and for holding a public hearing
- 3) Stone Wall and Downhill Wetlands – there is no offsite impact to the wetlands and stone wall
- 4) Slope, Grading, and Erosion Controls – cutting into the slope on the east side and use on west side, part of the sediment and erosion control plan
- 5) Parking Lot Runoff and the Bates Memorial Area – this should be addressed with the Selectmen or Planning and Zoning

6) Bates Trail and Potential Erosion – runoff from parking lot is a detailed issue for an engineer to answer, vegetation is established in this area to aid with runoff, cleaning of leaves/debris, designed for peak discharges. Engineers will do inspections during the construction.

R. Parlee thanked the Commission for reviewing the concerns.

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

R. Lally reported there has been no activity on this issue. R. Lally said the plan is to meet with the Town Attorney to decide next steps as work is still being done at this location. R. Lally said he and A. Barroso attended a conference that had CASS companies in attendance that deal with remediation who would talk with the Commission. R. Lally will investigate this option further. R. Lally said the Commission also needs to review the Jurisdictional ruling that was issued years ago. A. Barroso added Planning and Zoning issued a violation approximately 30 days ago and there has been some compliance by the tenant.

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

R. Lally reported he received the information from M. McDonnell and he will distribute this information to the Selectmen, Town Administrator and Town Attorney. R. Lally will also provide a copy to the Bolton Conversation Commission and the Zoning Commission. R. Lally will ask everyone to provide comments by 30 days.

8. Adjournment: M. McDonnell MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. D. Lynn SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by Mary J. Johnston

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