

BOLTON INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

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

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

Others Present Via Zoom: Nathan Slater, Rod Parlee

The Commission members stated their qualifications.

1. Approval of Agenda

D. Lynn MOVED to approve the agenda. D. DeNunzio SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5:0:0.

2. Public Comment:

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

3a. June 23, 2026, Regular Meeting

M. McDonnell MOVED to approve the June 23, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. D. DeNunzio SECONDED the motion. J. Loersch noted that Gwen Marrion's last name was misspelled in the Minutes. R. Lally and D. Lynn abstained from voting. MOTION CARRIED 3:0:2 with the corrections.

4. Old Business

None.

5. New Business

5a. IW-26-5: Nathan Slater – Freja Bridge Eagle Scout Project – 4800 Boston Tpke – Build a foot bridge further upstream and remove existing foot bridge

N. Slater explained that he is looking to rebuild a bridge farther upstream and remove the existing bridge as part of his Eagle Scout project. N. Slater said the new bridge will be wider and higher above the stream, reducing foot traffic in the stream and floodplain. He added that the bridge will be anchored and tied down to reduce the likelihood of flood damage. N. Slater said there will be no change to the stream banks, other than leveling. The bridge materials will be pressure-treated lumber and five-quarter decking. After Commission discussion, M. McDonnell MOVED to delegate this application to the Wetlands Agent with the following conditions: the bridge must be constructed according to the plan; erosion and sediment controls must conform to current State best practices; work must be

performed with hand tools; no work may occur directly in the wetlands; and no tree roots or stumps may be removed. J. Loersch SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5:0:0.

R. Parlee mentioned the parties that manage the current bridge and that the water under this bridge is due to beaver activity. R. Parlee said the new bridge should be out of the way of any beaver activity. R. Parlee and the Commission thanked N. Slater for his presentation and project.

R. Lally advised N. Slater to contact the Building Department to apply for a building permit.

6. Wetlands Agent Report

A. Barroso reported that no new materials have been placed at 37 Notch Road. A. Barroso said there is a possible violation at 11 Goodwin involving materials entering a brook. R. Lally suggested that A. Barroso call or email the homeowner before sending a violation letter. A. Barroso reported that the 217 and 273 Heron project is going well and that work at 7 Plymouth recently began. A. Barroso added that test borings were completed recently for the Town Green project.

M. McDonnell MOVED to amend the agenda to include approval of the yearly CACIWC annual dues under "Other." D. DeNunzio SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5:0:0.

7. Election of Officers

D. Lynn MOVED to select Ross Lally as Chair and Michael McDonnell as Vice Chair. D. DeNunzio SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5:0:0.

8. Other

8a. Ongoing Discussion & Review of Proposed Updates to Wetlands Regulation

R. Lally said the proposed regulations should be distributed to interested parties for comment before a Public Hearing is held. R. Lally added that this review can continue in parallel with the fee schedule before the Selectmen consider adoption.

8b. CACIWC Annual Dues

M. McDonnell MOVED to pay the CACIWC Annual Dues in the amount of \$75.00. D. Lynn SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5:0:0.

9. Adjournment: J. Loersch MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. M. McDonnell SECONDED the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 5:0:0.

Respectfully submitted by Mary J. Johnston

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