East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission
Land Use Office

Regular Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2025

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission was called to order by Mr. Dill at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Office Complex.

2. Attendance

Members Present: Randolph Dill, Jennifer Burton-Reeve, Daniel Jahne, David Walls, Toni Dumaine
Members Absent: Mary Augustiny, Bryan Goff
Also Present: John Cotter – Wildwood Association

Mr. Dill appointed Mr. Walls as a voting member to fill in for Ms. Augustiny and Ms. Dumaine to fill in for Mr. Goff.

3. Approval of Minutes

Change the spelling of Toni Dumaine's name – change *y* to an *i*
6c. add in *width* when describing the roadway minimum
8 Public Hearing bulleting is incorrect and is corrected to follow the alphabet.

A motion by Mr. Jahne to approve the November 18, 2025, minutes as amended. Seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve and unanimously approved.

4. Bills

$160 Halloran and Sage bill related to the Public Hearing statute

A motion by Ms. Burton-Reeve to pay the bill as presented. Seconded by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.

5. Field Inspection Report

No field inspection held.

6. Wetlands Permit Review

   a. ***Application #25 – 20 74 Smith Road, Map 049, Lot 009, East Haddam Fire Department/Wildwood Association, Construction of an access way with grassy pavers to provide access to Bashan Lake for water.***

Mr. Dill provided an overview of the application and proposal. During the field walk, they walked the property to find a location to put a fire hydrant. Mr. Cotter walked through the process the Association followed to find the best location for the dry hydrant. They determined that the best location is between cottages 19 and 20. It has the most space and is at the intersection of the road that comes down into the Association. The distance from the road to the water is over 130 feet and then when the water is lowered, it becomes impractical to install a dry hydrant. The Association then brainstormed other options, and worked with the fire department as well. The proposed solution is to install a fire lane between the two cottages, to allow the truck to back down the lane, drop the hose into the water, and draw the water for use.

Mr. Dill asked for clarity on how permission works for the Association. The Association Board meets in the spring, and Mr. Cotter noted that the cottage owners decide not to give approval, the Fire Department will use that area anyway if there is a fire given the location and space. Discussion ensued related to the likelihood that the fire engine would get stuck in the space without the fire lane built.

Mr. Cotter walked through the use of the water for a fire tanker but also the ability to draw water to fight a brush fire.

This solution would serve the needs of the whole association, and it also provides the ability to turn apparatus around. The roadway would be 10 feet wide and would be 130 feet from the road's edge to the water's edge. When the lake is lowered, there is another 20 feet that would need to be traversed to get to the water.

Mr. Cotter noted that it could be stone or permeable pavers and would be able to bear the weight of the truck. The base layer is sand, gravel and a lot of rock. He noted that the cottage owners have not approved the use of this area yet.

Mr. Dill noted that given the cottage owners have not approved yet, if there is a major change to the construction of the fire lane, Wildwood Association would need to come before IWWC again.

Motion by Ms. Burton-Reeve to approve the Application #25 – 20 74 Smith Road, Map 049, Lot 009, East Haddam Fire Department/Wildwood Association, Construction of an access way with grassy pavers to provide access to Bashan Lake for water, with plans dated 12/16/25 and with before and after photos to be provided to the Land Use Office. Seconded by Ms. Dumaine and unanimously approved.

b. Application #25 – 21 Millington Road, Map 70, Lot 01, East Haddam Fish and Game, restoration of cold-water habitat in the Eightmile River.

Mr. Dill noted the applicant requested a 30 day extension. He noted that the IWWC had approved the Fish and Game to clear out the pools. The EH Fish and Game Club found out a better way to clear out the stream that would prevent the need for future clear out from another Fish and Game Club. They will be joining the next meeting to provide further information at the next meeting.

Ms. Burton-Reeve noted that Pat Young at the Eightmile River Committee would like to be notified of this topic to attend and hear the presentation.

Motion by Mr. Dill to continue the Application #25 – 21 Millington Road, Map 70, Lot 01, East Haddam Fish and Game, restoration of cold-water habitat in the Eightmile River. Seconded by Mr. Walls and unanimously approved.

c. ***Application #25-22 3 Lakeside Drive, Map 49, Lot 051, Mark and Aimee Schissel, addition in the upland review area.***

Mr. Dill provided handouts of the project. The property is on Bashan Lake. A field walk is needed for this property.

Motion by Mr. Dill to schedule a field walk for the Application #25-22 3 Lakeside Drive, Map 49, Lot 051, Mark and Aimee Schissel, addition in the upland review area. Seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve and unanimously approved.

7. Discussion

a. 26 Leesville Road (property location), Charles & Cathy Grillo (property owners). Map 052, Lot 032. Drainage issue

Mr. Dill noted he has no new information on this issue. Public Works has not produced the trash rack yet.

A motion to continue to the next meeting by Mr. Dill. Seconded by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.

b. Reappointment of commission members

Mr. Dill reviewed the list of Commission members. There are a number of members that need to be reappointed.
Ms. Dumaine, having just joined, is up for reappointment next June.
Mr. Dill, Ms. Augustiny, Mr. Jahne, Ms. Burton-Reeve and Mr. Walls all need to be reappointed.

A motion by Mr. Dill to reappoint the following commissioners to the following term timeframes:

- ***Randolph Dill to 6/30/2026***
- ***Mary Augustiny to 6/30/2027***
- ***Daniel Jahne 06/30/2027***
- ***Jennifer Burton-Reeve to 6/30/2026***
- ***Bryan Goff to 6/30/2027***
- ***David Walls to 6/30/2027***

And that the members be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen for their reappointment action. Seconded by Mr. Jahne and unanimously approved.

8. IWWC Enforcement Officer's Report

a. Beebe Road – Molley Brook

Mr. Dill noted that this has been on the agenda for a number of months as there are a number of issues that have not been resolved with Public Works. A letter was produced to be sent to the new Board of Selectman. Mr. Ventres updated the letter and discussed with Mr. Brownell, Chairman of Planning and Zoing, who also signed the letter and it was sent to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Angersola, acting Public Works director, approved the creation of the As-Built and that is going to be worked on.

b. Proposed forestry regulations

Nothing new to report.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Burton-Reeve to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Dumaine and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary