

**INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION**  
**Town of Windsor Locks**  
**Ella Grasso Conference Room**  
**Meeting of February 4, 2026**  
**7:00 PM**

**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Chairman Bob Crochetiere, Mary Jane Perrier, Lacinda VanGieson, Darry Ruitter, Roy Zettlemoyer, Richard Pease

Absent: John Farrelly, James Guthrie, Cynthia Cooper

Staff: Dana Steele, Town Engineer, Duly Authorized Wetland Agent

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Bob Crochetiere.

**II. Roll Call – As noted above.**

**III. Additions to the Agenda – None**

**IV. Approval of the Minutes of January 7, 2026**

Mary Jane Perrier made a motion to approve the minutes of January 7, 2026. Darry Ruitter seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**V. Public Input – None**

**VI. Reviews – None**

**VII. Public Hearing – None**

**VIII. Staff Discussion – None**

**IX. Old Business**

**a) 1221 Harvey Lane, Applicant: Babylon Realty, LLC**

At the January meeting, Kevin Grindle, Project Manager from Barton & Loguidice, appeared before the Commission to present the proposed work at 1221 Harvey Lane. After reviewing the details of the project, the Commission determined that the activities outlined did not constitute a significant impact on the wetlands. As a result, it was concluded that a Public Hearing was not necessary for this application.

Mr. Kevin Grindle, Project Manager from Barton & Loguidice, and Jonathan Murray, the applicant representing Babylon Realty, LLC, attended the meeting to provide a brief overview of the proposed project and to address any questions from the Commission prior to approval of the Wetland Application. Mr. Grindle clarified that most of the project area is situated within Suffield, Connecticut, and that the Town of Suffield has already granted its approval for their application.

Commission member Bob Crochetiere recommended that the applicant incorporate plantings in the regulated areas (~2500 sf.) to enhance soil stability and preserve small animal habitats. The applicant agreed to this suggestion and committed to submitting a planting plan to Dana Steele for review. It was further agreed that the applicant would

provide a detailed list of the proposed plantings, and the approval of the Wetland Application would be contingent upon receipt of this planting submittal.

Rich Pease raised a question regarding a portion of the property designated for storage of containers and dumpsters, expressing concerns about potential leakage. Mr. Murray responded by assuring the Commission that any containers or dumpsters stored on the site would be empty.

Mary Jane Perrier made a motion to approve the application for 1221 Harvey Lane under the condition that plantings be made and a planting schedule be submitted to Dana Steele, Town Engineer/Wetland Agent for his review. Roy Zettlemoyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**b) IWWC Violation Ordinance/Storm Water Ordinance**

During the January meeting, Commission member Rich Pease raised questions regarding the status of the **Wetland Violation Ordinance**. Dana responded by agreeing to follow up on the matter. Subsequently, Dana consulted Town Attorney Carl Landolina to clarify the ordinance's progress. Attorney Landolina confirmed that the Wetland Violation Ordinance had been submitted to the Board of Selectmen, approved, and is now officially in effect. Dana will obtain a copy of the ordinance and ensure its distribution to the Commission members via email.

Regarding the **Storm Water Ordinance** - Dana provided guidance to Commission members by navigating to the section of the Town's website where the Storm Water Ordinance is located. He offered a brief overview of the ordinance's purpose and background. Dana explained that the language used in the ordinance was recommended by the State of Connecticut, as the town is responsible for ensuring the quality of water discharged from its storm water pipes.

He further noted that, due to this responsibility, the Town must have the authority to regulate and enforce who is permitted to discharge water into the municipal storm water system. The ordinance empowers the Public Works Director to investigate and eliminate any illicit discharges, as well as to confirm that the storm water system remains free from unauthorized contaminants.

**X. New Business – None**

**XI. Communications & Bills – None**

**XII. Adjournment**

Darry Ruitter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary Jane Perrier seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:25.

*Respectfully submitted,*



Valerie Mercey  
IWWC Recording Secretary