

**BRIDGEWATER**  
**CONSERVATION AND INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
**Approved Minutes - Regular Meeting**  
**March 5, 2024, 7:30 pm**  
**Bridgewater Town Hall, 44 Main Street South, Bridgewater, CT 06752**

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**Call to Order:** Chairperson Eric Vikstrom called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Roll Call and Designation of Alternates:**

**Present:** Eric Vikstrom, Jeff Jones, Paul Hines, Rich Miller, Rudy Simari, Joe Wilcox, Ted Alt (alt), Shaun McVerry (alt) **Absent:** Steve Berger **Moved up to voting status:** T. Alt **Also Present:** Meg Khare

**Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting held February 6, 2024:**

J. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 6, 2024.  
J. Wilcox seconded. Unanimous approval.

**Comments from the Public, Correspondence:** none

**Any Other Business Added by 2/3 Vote of the Commission:**

1. New Business – #W 24-3-1 – Hritz, 99 Lake Lillinonah Road South, clear brush. J. Jones made a motion to add application #W 24-3-1 to the agenda under New Business. J. Wilcox seconded. Unanimous approval.
2. Other Business – Report – LQH Sisters LLC, 110 Lake Lillinonah Road North. J. Jones made a motion to add the 110 Lake Lillinonah Road North report to the agenda under Other Business. R. Miller seconded. Unanimous approval.

**Old Business:**

1. #W 24-2-2 – Sunny Meadow Farm LLC, 199 Curtis Road, create farm pond. J. Wilcox and R. Miller were case officers. Doug DiVesta from DiVesta Civil Engineering LLC presented the application. Steve Shabet of Sunny Meadow Farm LLC also spoke. Pond to be used for farm animals and irrigation during dry weather. J. Wilcox and R. Miller visited the site twice and reported no concerns with the proposed pond. J. Wilcox made a motion to approve the application for the agricultural pond at 199 Curtis Road (#W 24-2-2 dated 1/24/24 as shown on the “Proposed Site Development Plan” and “Details” dated 1/26/24 prepared by DiVesta Civil Engineering LLC for Sunny Meadow Farm LLC). P. Hines seconded. In favor: J. Jones, P. Hines, R. Miller, R. Simari, J. Wilcox, T. Alt. Abstained: E. Vikstrom. Motion to approve passes.
2. #W 24-2-3 – Schmidt, 5 Keeler Road, replace existing garage with larger garage. J. Jones and S. Berger were case officers. J. Jones reported no concern with the project. J. Jones made a motion to approve the Vision Contracting, Thomas Seger, application at 5 Keeler Road (#W 24-2-3 dated 1/31/24). R. Miller seconded. Unanimous approval.
3. NOV – Romano, 232 Clapboard Road, crossing reconstruction. Mr. Romano, who was not present, has hired an engineer. A letter asking for the project status will be sent to Mr. Romano.

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**Old Business (continued):**

4. NOV – Lund/Hacer, 329 Old Turnpike Road East, stream bank reconstruction. Mr. Hacer was present and provided a letter from an engineer stating “Future evaluation and design recommendations are encouraged regarding cleaning/maintaining the brook bed upstream inside, and downstream of the culvert. In the meantime, the structural integrity is intact.” Mr. Hacer has satisfied the requirement of the Notice of Violation and was reminded that any future activity within 100 feet of the wetlands must have a permit or an approved Jurisdictional Inquiry.

**New Business:**

1. #W 24-3-1 – Hritz, 99 Lake Lillinonah Road South, clear brush. Scott Perssonatti presented the application. S. McVerry and R. Simari will be case officers. Brush clearing to be in front and side of house.

**Reports of Officers & Committees:**

1. WEO Report. There was no WEO report this month.

**Procedural Matters & Bills: none**

**Other Business:**

1. Bridgewater Rec Pond, CT DEEP Permit Application for Use of Pesticides in State Waters. This is to notify the Commission of the use of pesticides in the pond at the Bridgewater Recreation fields.
2. Paparazzo Pond, CT DEEP Permit Application for Use of Pesticides in State Waters. This is to notify the Commission of the use of pesticides in the Paparazzo Pond.

J. Jones suggested the Commission ask Zachary Davis from The Pond and Lake Connection to come before the board and explain why the chemicals are necessary and the impacts of those chemicals.

3. Report – LQH Sisters LLC, 110 Lake Lillinonah Road North. Discussed project status report dated 2/29/24 from Arthur H. Howland & Associates.

**Discussion (audience participation): none**

**Adjournment:** R. Miller made a motion to adjourn. R. Simari seconded. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Meg Khare*

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Land Use Coordinator