

**BRIDGEWATER**  
**CONSERVATION AND INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION**  
**Approved Minutes - Regular Meeting**  
**April 4, 2023, 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, Steve Berger, Paul Hines, Joe Wilcox, Ted Alt (alt), Rudy Simari (alt)

**Absent:** R. Miller

R. Simari was moved up to voting status.

**Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting held March 7, 2023:**

S. Berger made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 7, 2023. J. Jones seconded. Unanimous approval.

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

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

1. #W 23-4-6 – Pratt, 50 Summit Lane, barn/garage & pond. R. Simari made a motion to add application #W 23-4-6 to the agenda. S. Berger seconded. Unanimous approval.

**Old Business:**

1. #W 23-3-2 – English, 249 Old Turnpike Road East, detached accessory dwelling. R. Miller and E. Vikstrom were case officers. E. Vikstrom reported house location was staked and wetlands were flagged. Property gently slopes. No concerns. E. Vikstrom made a motion to approve application #W 23-3-2 dated 3/7/23 as shown on the “Improvement Location Survey-Proposed (C1-C3)” dated 2/24/23 prepared for Mr. & Mrs. James English. P. Hines seconded. Unanimous approval.
2. #W 23-3-3 – Sunny Valley LLC, 45 Iron Ore Hill Road, remove tree and invasive plants. J. Jones and T. Alt were case officers. J. Jones reported on this “after the fact” application. Some equipment was used in the regulated areas. The area was nicely restored. J. Jones made a motion to approve application #W 23-3-3 dated 3/6/23 and send a letter to the owner regarding the violation. S. Berger seconded. In favor: J. Jones, S. Berger, P. Hines, J. Wilcox, R. Simari. E. Vikstrom recused himself. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

1. #W 23-4-1 – Heimann, 166 Christian Street, new septic system. George Sam from New Milford Septic presented the application. S. Berger and J. Wilcox will be case officers.
2. #W 23-4-2 – Saft, 188 Iron Ore Hill Road, deck covered screened porch. Architect John Clements presented the application. E. Vikstrom and P. Hines will be case officers.
3. #W 23-4-3 – Shook, 709 Main Street South, pole barn, covered deck. Dustin Shook presented the application. R. Simari and J. Wilcox will be case officers.

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**New Business:**

4. #W 23-4-4 – Sunny Meadow LLC, 66 Northrop Street, rebuild dwelling. E. Vikstrom presented the application. The house plans have been revised. The house will be further back from road and footprint expanded to south, west, and north compared to prior approval of this project. Case officers visited the site for the previous application. J. Jones made a motion to approve application #W 23-4-4 dated 4/4/23 as shown on the “Proposed Zoning Location Survey” prepared for Sunny Meadow Farm, LLC. S. Berger seconded. In favor: J. Jones, S. Berger, P. Hines, J. Wilcox, R. Simari. E. Vikstrom recused himself. Motion passed.
5. #W 23-4-5 – Sunny Meadow LLC, 199 Curtis Road, farm utility building. E. Vikstrom presented the application. J. Jones and T. Alt will be case officers.
6. #W 23-4-6 – Pratt, 50 Summit Lane, barn/garage & pond. Richard Pratt presented the application. E. Vikstrom and P. Hines will be case officers.

**Reports of Officers & Committees:**

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

**Procedural Matters & Bills:** none

**Other Business:**

1. CT DEEP Permit Applications for Use of Pesticides in State Waters. J. Jones is researching the Commission’s possible role in reviewing and approving these types of applications. He reached out to CT DEEP but has not heard back from them. Some towns require a “parallel” application as part of the process. J. Jones will research further.

**Discussion (audience participation):** none

**Adjournment:** R. Simari made a motion to adjourn. J. Jones seconded. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Meg Khare*

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Land Use Coordinator