MEETING MINUTES
Town of Granby
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission
Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Nick Dethlefsen, David Tolli, Susan Okie, John Laudati, Fred Jones, and Vickie Dirienzo
ALSO PRESENT: IWWC Agent Kate Bednaz and Land Use Coordinator Renee Deltenre (Zoom)

1. **Call to Order**
   Chair Laudati called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. **Action on the minutes of January 14, 2026**

   ON A MOTION by F. Jones seconded by S. Okie, the Commission voted 6-0-0 to approve the January 14, 2026, minutes as presented.

3. **Permit Requests**
   a. **<u>Simsbury Road Bridge</u> – Town of Granby – Permit request for the proposed Simsbury Road Bridge replacement over the West Branch of Salmon Brook within a regulated area.**
   Engineer John Wengell of CHA Solutions was present on behalf of the town to discuss the application. The Town of Granby is seeking to replace the existing two-span, 111-foot bridge, which was built in 1956. The current bridge has a curb-to-curb width of 22 feet, carries bi-directional traffic in a northerly/southerly direction, and the width of the existing bank is 56 feet. J. Wengell ran through existing conditions and the proposed replacement. The new structure will be comprised of 48.5-inch-deep steel beams with a concrete deck, two, 10-foot travel lanes, and two, 5-foot shoulders. Curb-to-curb width will be 30 feet and overall length will be 105 feet with a 43-degree skew. J. Wengell noted that the existing center abutment will be removed, riprap will be placed along the substructure and toe boulders will be placed at the embankments.

   A plan overview was presented for the proposed traffic detour, water handling and site restoration, including total temporary and permanent wetland and watercourse impacts. The anticipated start date is spring of 2027, and selected trees must be cut prior to April 14th due to ecological concerns. K. Bednaz provided some feedback on the application, and requested additional information on the dewatering staging area and discharge, wetland resource areas, the mean high-water line and how that elevation relates to the shelf being created, etc. The Commission discussed whether to hold a public hearing on the application.

   ON A MOTION by V. Dirienzo seconded by F. Jones, the Commission voted 6-0-0 to receive the application and schedule a public hearing for the next regular meeting on March 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. due to public interest and significant impact.

4. **Agent Report and Correspondence**
   a. **Update re: <u>142R and 186 Case Street</u> – M. Reale c/o Scottinaleece, LLC – Conducting a Regulated Activity without a valid IWWC Permit. Dam Safety submission extended to 3/6/2026.**
   Attorney Timothy Furey was present on behalf of the property owner to provide updates. He stated that many of the items necessary to correct the violation and satisfy requirements of DEEP and the Town are on hold due to the weather. In addition to Soil Scientist David Lord, the property owner has retained Kratzert Jones & Associates, Inc. to complete mapping pertaining to the pond and impoundment, and Karl Acimovic, P.E. & L.S. to assist with the requirements outlined by DEEP. Attorney Furey will continue to work with Attorney Brooks and requested to continue this agenda item to the next meeting so that updates can be presented to the Commission. Other than maintaining erosion and sediment control measures, no work is occurring onsite. Attorney Furey stated for the record that the Law Firm of Murphy, Laudati, Kiel & Rattigan, LLC, represented the sale of this property and the potential for a conflict of interest for J. Laudati should be evaluated.

   ON A MOTION by D. Tolli seconded by F. Jones, the Commission voted 6-0-0 to continue this agenda item to the next regular meeting.

5. **Commissioner Reports and Correspondence**
   J. Laudati indicated that he recently installed a temporary structure on his property to provide shelter for his animals, as they are unable to use the existing run-shed shed due to weather conditions. K. Bednaz indicated that the approved RFR for the run-shed shed can be amended to reflect the addition of the temporary structure.

6. **Adjourn**

   ON A MOTION by V. Dirienzo seconded by N. Dethlefsen, the Commission voted 6-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

   Respectfully submitted,

   Renee Deltenre
   Land Use Coordinator