Conservation Commission / Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency
Regular Meeting
September 15, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.
Virtual Format Only; Livestreamed at www.facebook.com/TownofSimsbury

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Winters called the meeting 7:00 P.M.

Present: Chair Margery Winters; Vice Chair Jason Levy; Secretary Joseph Campolieta; Commission Members: Charles Haldeman and Michael Luizetti; Alternate Commission Members: Sue Brittell and Alison Wilcox; and Assistant Town Planner, Brittany MacGilpin.

Absent: Commission Members: Donald Eaton.

Seating of Alternate: Commissioner Brittell was seated as a regular member for tonight's meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 18, 2026, Regular Meeting

MOTION: Commissioner Haldeman made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chair Levy, to approve the Minutes of August 18, 2026, as written.

The motion carried unanimously (6-0-0).

III. CONSERVATION COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Discussion on Rodenticide Use on Town-Owned Land

Assistant Town Planner MacGilpin discussed the information received by the Directors of Public Works and Parks and Recreation regarding usage of rodenticide on town-owned land. While use is limited, there are instances where it is used, such as at restaurant space at Simsbury

Farms or in situations where other measures alone are not effective in protecting town facilities.

The Conservation Commission is interested in recommending to the Board of Selectman the prohibition of rodenticide on town-owned land. More research will be done on alternative methods as well as situations where rodenticide use is required. Ms. MacGilpin will research other Town policies such as Newtown, CT and Southbury, CT.

IV. DESIGNATED AGENCT ACTIONS AND OTHER REPORTS

- 20 Neal Drive Update

A Notice of Violation was issued to this address due to work being done beyond the approved 2025 wetlands permit. The homeowner and engineer for the project were at the meeting and discussed the situation further. The IWWA discussed the following action steps to begin to bring the site into compliance:

- The homeowner will resubmit a wetland permit that outlines the work that has been done and is proposed for the site.
- Silt fencing must be installed at the top of the revetment wall (in addition to the bottom of the slope, which has already been installed).
- The Agency also asked to add landscaping to the final plan to the top of the slope to capture debris from moving down the slope and into the wetlands area.
- The rear area that is planned for grass can proceed with seeding.
- Landscaping planned for the front of the house can proceed.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Haldeman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Campolieta, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried unanimously (6-0-0).

Chair Winters adjourned the meeting at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany MacGilpin
Assistant Town Planner