

TOWN OF SHARON
Inland Wetland & Watercourse Commission
PO Box 385, 63 Main Street, Sharon, CT 06069

Draft minutes until approved at next regular meeting

November 13, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Krissel at 6:30 PM with the following members in attendance: William Trowbridge, Sharon Tingley, Larry Rand, Robin Zitter and Alt. Lynn Kearcher- who was seated for this meeting. Also present: John Brett and Bill Colby. Site visits were made on November 11, as posted, by Krissel, Rand, Dudek, Tingley, and Trowbridge with no action taken.

2. The agenda was approved with addition of 4a. Church Farms Letter and 5b. Invasives Brochure via motions of Tingley/Zitter.
3. Minutes of the October meeting stood approved as posted.
4. **Communications:** a) No Public Comment. b) Letter from David Levinson of 10/18/2023 was distributed and discussed, with no action taken. c) Letter from Church Farm was distributed and discussed, with no action taken. Chairman Krissel will contact residents involved.
5. **Old Business:** a) No new information from the Pesticide sub-committee. b) Invasive Brochure: Lynn presented draft copies of the revised brochure. Discussion was held regarding the labeling of species photos as to what is on the cover, adding Robin Zitter as regular member, and removing the "2023" on the cover, to add a smaller text of revision date inside the brochure.
6. **New Business:** a) 44 Keeler Road: This was a site visit. Engineer Bill Colby presented the application to install a split rail fence and 3 gates. Commission members asked what material the fence posts would be and suggested the avoidance of Pressure Treated posts due to the concern of leaching in the sensitive area. Equipment to be used will be a mini excavator and auger. Concrete will be used for base, and any stones/ledge encountered will either be replaced in the hole or relocated on the property. With all questions answered, and condition of not using pressure treated posts, motions of Dudek/Tingley approved the application with all in favor.
7. **Applications to accept:** None.
8. a) The 2024 meeting schedule was approved as written via motions of Rand/Tingley with all in favor. b) Town of Sharon 5-year Maintenance Plan – Selectman Casey Flanagan will attend next meeting to review with Commission members. c) It was recommended that all commission members visit the

closed section of River Road, due to erosion. The Town has hired an engineer for this project. There will be discussion at the next meeting.

Respectfully,

Nikki Blass

Assistant Secretary

Next meeting: Monday, December 11, 2023, 6:30 PM. Site visits Saturday, December 9, 2023, beginning at Sharon Town Hall at 8 AM.