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Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

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MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING SITE WALK

INLAND WETLAND AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025

PRESENT WERE: Michael Aurelia, John Mesham, Todd Crolius, Rob Janes, Peter Friel and Scott Basham, Tom Machnik

ABSENT: Rachael Gaudio, Jared Bombaci

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Knapp (Land Use Coordinator), Falyn McQuarrie (Land Use Technician), Ron Swaney, property owner, Joseph Wren (Engineer), Joseph Theroux (Wetland Scientist), Bill McCoy (Counsel).

Approximately 15 people from the public were also in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS

1. 304 & 308-1 Mile Creek. Placing material and clearing of soil and brush within 100' of wetlands.

T. Machnik called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The Commission walked the site and viewed the location of the proposed mitigation plan. At LUC Knapp's suggestion, Mr. Theroux started by reviewing the flooding across the road and the location where the owner would propose removing the current millings and replacing them with stones to mitigate the situation evident at the time of the site walk. The Commission observed running water, approximately 4 – 5 inches in depth crossing over a portion of the dirt access road from north to south. Mr. Swaney, in concurrence with Mr. Wren and Mr. Theroux, indicated that the culvert had been blocked by beaver activity, raising the water levels. Mr. Theroux explained to the Commission and members of the public the plan he has proposed. J. Mesham asked about the placement of boulders in the area. Mr. Theroux explained that the plan includes leaving boulders to stabilize the area when the Three Mile River floods. Mr. Theroux and Mr. Wren detailed which rocks were to stay and which would be removed under their proposal.

Mr. Theroux walked with the Commission further into the property and explained that the berm in place will be left and some to be moved closer to the edge of the road to join historic berm in the area to stop the flow of water and siltation. There were no further questions for Mr. Theroux.

The site walk adjourned at 5:51.

Respectfully submitted,

Falyn McQuarrie, Land Use Technician