

MINUTES

Members Present: S. Accorsi, P. Aho, Z. Anglin, B. Chandy, J. DeVivo, K. Fratoni, K. Rawn, V. Ward, C. Wutsch

Members Absent:

Alternates Present: A. Marcellino, R. Zaicek

Alternates Absent: J. Walters

Staff Present: J. Kaufman Director of Planning and Development;
J. Woodmansee, Assistant Director of Planning and Development;
M. Stankov, Environmental Planner/Inland Wetlands Agent
S. Forand, Administrative Assistant Specialist

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A. Aho called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Members present are Accorsi, Aho, Anglin, Chandy, DeVivo, Fratoni, Rawn, Ward, Wutsch and Alternates Marcellino and Zaicek. No Alternates were seated.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

Ward MOVED, Wutsch seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

Motion passed by consent;

Move, to approve the February 2, 2026 IWA meeting minutes.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Conservation Commission

B. Inland Wetlands Agent Monthly Report
- No permit applications since our last meeting

C. Train Derailment along Willimantic River

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. **Application of the Town of Mansfield, Department of Public Works, for Replacement of Bridge over Fenton River on Gurleyville Road (IWA File #1641)**

Aho opened the public hearing at 6:10 p.m. Members present are Accorsi, Aho, Anglin, Chandy, DeVivo, Fratoni, Rawn, Ward, Wutsch and Alternates Marcellino and Zaicek. No Alternates were seated.

M. Stankov read the legal notice of the public hearing that was published in the Willimantic Chronicle on February 18, 2026 and February 25, 2026 into the record.

S. Manstan, CHA Consulting, presented a detailed overview of the project for the Applicant.

T. Sawtelle, CHA Consulting, provided an overview of the project related to access and traffic

T. Bulzak of EcoDesign, provided an overview in regard to 100 year flood plan

Commission members and staff asked the following questions;
Driveway access, traffic detours and length of time, timing of project, width of river

Rawn MOVED, Ward seconded to close the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Application of the Town of Mansfield, Department of Public Works, for Replacement of Bridge over Fenton River on Gurleyville Road (IWA File #1641)**

Ward MOVED, Wutsch seconded, to grant an Inland Wetlands License pursuant to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Mansfield to the Town of Mansfield Department of Public Works for application W1641 – Bridge Replacement on Gurleyville Road over Fenton River.

In approving this application, the Inland Wetlands Agency considered all testimony and communications. This action is based on a finding of no anticipated significant impact on the wetlands or watercourses and is conditioned on the following provisions being met:

1. A complete construction sequence, including water control and diversion specifications and erosion control detail, shall be submitted by the design engineer or principal contractor to the Environmental Planner prior to the beginning of construction. The applicant shall direct the design engineer or

another qualified specialist to inspect the site during dewatering. This qualified specialist shall be responsible for ensuring that the Construction Sequence is adhered to, and that all materials and methods used within the stream channel are appropriate for the sensitive environment in which work is taking place.

2. Appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls shall be installed prior to construction, maintained during construction, and removed when disturbed areas are permanently stabilized. The Mansfield Inland Wetlands Agent shall inspect the site after the erosion and sedimentation controls are in place, but prior to site disturbance.
3. During final site stabilization, native plants shall be planted in any areas disturbed by construction to restore the natural vegetative character of the wetland and adjacent upland areas. A planting schedule consisting of native plants appropriate to the soil characteristics of the area shall be prepared and submitted to the Environmental Planner prior to planting.
4. Any excess material generated from construction activities shall be removed from the site or distributed at least 75 feet from the edge of wetlands.

This approval is valid for five years (until March 2, 2031) unless additional time is requested by the applicant and granted by the Inland Wetlands Agency. The applicant shall notify the Wetlands Agent before any work begins, and all work shall be completed within one year. Any extension of the activity period shall come before this Agency for further review and comment.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND BILLS

8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

9. ADJOURNMENT

Aho adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Forand
Administrative Assistant Specialist