

**TOWN OF FRANKLIN**  
**INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION**  
**FRANKLIN TOWN HALL**  
**7 Meetinghouse Hill Rd.**  
**Franklin, CT 06254**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 2, 2023, 7:30 p.m.**

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1. Call to Order: Chairman Baribeault called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chairman Baribeault, Niels Jeppesen. **Members Absent:** Leo Bienvenue, Secretary Vice Chairman Joseph LeVasseur, Don Smith. **Alternate Members Present:** Calli Carboni. **Alternate Members Absent:** Josh Devercelly, John McGuire III. **Also Present:** Wetlands Official Ron Chalecki.

Calli Carboni was seated for absent member Don Smith.

2. Recognition of Visitors: Visitors sign-in sheet provided.

3. Additions to Agenda: N/A

4. Approval of Minutes:

- a. April 4, 2023:

**MOTION (1)** made by Calli Carboni **SECONDED BY** Chairman Baribeault that the Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission approve April 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes - as presented

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;**

**MOTION CARRIES**

5. Report Wetlands Official:

**FRANKLIN HILLS GOLF COURSE:** Boundaries indicated erosion and sedimentation has taken hold and site is stabilized. Algonquin Gas Company property access along gas line is being torn-up by dirt bikes, quads, and jeep vehicles resulting in erosion issues. Property manager Sam Giavara will be contacted by Town of Franklin Staff to schedule site visit to discuss on-going issue of trespassers with recreation vehicles illegally entering the site. There is the possibility of installing fencing/gate and placing large boulders to eliminate entrance in problem areas. Responsibility of working to correct this issue is with property owner/representative.

**DOLLAR GENERAL:** While digging in preparation of installation retaining wall contractor left 2 trees with exposed root structures. Trees are now weak and must be taken down. Contractor agreed to replace weak trees with new healthy trees. Ron Chalecki gave permission for contractor to work outside limits of clearing for tree replacement only.

6. Unfinished Business:

- a. Review IWWC By-Laws: Commission members have been reviewing example by-laws from surrounding towns such as Sprague, Bozrah and Colchester, as well as related State Statutes and Town Ordinance. Chairman Baribeault will prepare "Draft" By Law document for members to review and comment on at June 2023 meeting.
  - b. Review IWWC Regulations: Commission members have been reviewing red-line Draft regulations while discussing modifications. There has been review of related State Statutes and Town Ordinance. Review to continue at June 2023 meeting.

7. New Business: None

8. Public Comments: None

9. Adjournment:

**MOTION (2):** made by Calli Carboni **SECONDED BY** Chairman Baribeault that the Inland Wetland & Watercourses Commission adjourn at 9:05 pm

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;**

**MOTION CARRIES**

Respectfully submitted,

*Sherry Pollard,*

Administrative Assistant to the Commission