

**Hampton IWWA Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting – February 4, 2025**  
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**Call to Order:** Vice-Chairman Stan Crawford called the Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Present for the Board:** Stan Crawford, Penny Newbury, Martin Mlyniec, David Fowler

Not Present: Heather Bonnekson, Peter Witkowski, Ann Hamlin, Maury Burr

**Staff and Others Present:** Eric Druzbecki of Worcester County Electrical, Normand Thibeault of Killingly Engineering Associates, Recording Clerk Dayna McDermott-Arriola

**Item 1: Audience for Citizens:** none.

**Item 2: Approval of Minutes – Public Hearing and Special Meeting of January 7, 2025**

**Motion:** Penny Newbury, seconded by Martin Mlyniec, to approve the Public Hearing and Special Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

**Item 4: Old Business:** none.

**Item 5: New Business:**

1. WP0225-01: 174 South Brook Road; Eric Rice, Applicant; Proposed Activity: Installation of a solar ground mount system including plans for a stream crossing.

Eric Druzbecki of Worcester County Electrical, representing applicant Eric Rice, distributed materials and maps detailing the project and fielded questions on the location and size of the array, the materials used for the conduit, and the plans for crossing the stream.

Vice-Chairman Crawford read WEO Jay Gigliotti's report: Staff has been working with the applicant and solar company for a few months. Property is 14.62 acres and contains a pond, small stream and wetlands. The wetlands and pond appear to flow southeast before discharging into Merrick Brook. The solar array is proposed in the rear (east) portion of the property with the necessary conduit running between the array and the house. The conduit will need to cross a small stream that is located behind the residence and connects a larger wetland system to the west with the pond on the property. The applicant has provided crossing details, with proposed dewatering techniques and E&S controls to mitigate impacts from the stream crossing. It appears a small section of stonewall will be disturbed to install the conduit. Application has been approved by Health District.

WEO Gigliotti also recommended three inspections: one at the onset of the project to inspect for erosion and sediment controls; one during the stream crossing; one at completion of the project.

**Motion:** Penny Newbury, seconded by Martin Mlyniec, to approve the application of Eric Rice to install a solar ground mount system with plans for a stream crossing, contingent upon the inspections recommended by the WEO. Motion carried unanimously.

Fees for the project total \$140.

2. WP0225-02: Providence Turnpike; Allen & Rebecca Gervais, Applicants; Proposed Activity: Construction of a driveway and installation of cross culverts within the Upland Review Area to access a proposed single family home.

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Normand Thibeault of Killingly Engineering Associates, representing applicants Allen and Rebecca Gervais, presented and distributed materials and maps. The property is on the Hampton Brooklyn line and has yet to be assigned a number. He explained that the property has extensive ledges, and thus there are no alternatives to the plan, and the culverts will require two pipes instead of one. He also explained the erosion controls. The project will require two inspections, one at the onset to inspect erosion and sediment controls and one at completion.

Vice Chairman Crawford read WEO Gigliotti's report: Property is 5.9 acres and fronts directly on Route 6 at the Hampton/Brooklyn town line. Applicant is proposing to install (3) culverts, a rip-rap swale, utilities and driveway within the Upland Review Area. No direct wetland impacts are proposed with the application. The elevation increases into the property from Route 6. A proposed rip-rap swale will line the eastern edge of the driveway to handle runoff from the development areas, with a small plunge pool at the end of the driveway. The application has been submitted to both the health District and the CT DOT; no approvals have been issued at this time.

**Motion:** Martin Mlyniec, seconded by Penny Newbury, to approve the permit for WP0225-02. Motion carried unanimously.

The applicant has submitted a check for \$190 to cover fees and will need to submit an additional \$40 for the two inspections.

**Item 6: No Permit Necessary:** none.

**Item 7: WEO Report:** Members reviewed the report submitted by WEO Gigliotti.

**Item 8: Communications:** none.

**Item 9: Discuss and Act on any other Business**

1. **Discuss and Possible Approval of IWWA's Contribution to the Town's Annual Report**  
By general consent, the report was approved.

**Item 10: Audience for Citizens:** none.

**Item 11: Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Agency, the Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dayna Arriola, Recording Secretary