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Vice-Chairman Witkowski called the Meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Present for the Board: Peter Witkowski, Stan Crawford, Penny Newbury, Maury Burr, Martin Mlyniec (7:02), Jay Gigliotti (7:15)

Not Present: Heather Bonnekson

Staff and Others Present: Applicants Jennifer and Jamie Chokas, Applicants Dick and Irene Brown, Recording Clerk Dayna Arriola

Item 1: Audience for Citizens: Dick Brown spoke briefly about the problem beavers have been causing on their pond as well as a possible solution and asked if their application could be added to the agenda.

Item 2: Additions to the Agenda

Motion: Penny Newbury, seconded by Stan Crawford, to add to the Agenda WP0924-01. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3: Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of August 6, 2024.

Motion: Stan Crawford, seconded by Penny Newbury, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4: Old Business: none.

Item 5: New Business:

1. Jurisdictional Ruling Request: Jennifer and Jamie Chokas; 186 Windham Road; Proposed Activity: Run-in for cows and horses (12' X 20') built to be movable on skids to allow for best and most suitable protection from the elements. The run is positioned as far away from the river (92') while still under the shade of the oak tree. Applicant Jamie Chokas explained that they are building a "run-in", defined as a three-sided shelter to protect animals from the elements, on movable skids within 100 feet of the Little River. Stan Crawford reminded everyone that as this was a permitted agricultural use, there are no fees collected; the application for a Jurisdictional Ruling is documentation for the file.
Motion: Martin Mlyniec, seconded by Stan Crawford, to accept the application for a Jurisdictional Ruling as a use as of right under the IWWA Regulations 4.1 (a). Motion carried unanimously.
2. WP0924-01: Applicants: Richard and Irene Brown; 20 Utley Road; Proposed Activity: Install fence and pipe-flow device to limit beaver manipulation of water depth; prevent beavers from blocking water exit.
Dick Brown explained that the problem has been happening for the last five to ten years, with the beavers seasonally blocking the exit to the pond and necessitating the owners to manually clear the exit every 24 – 72 hours during this period of activity. The water level rises two feet, six inches along the emergency spill way, and floods the field to the

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north. Mr. Brown distributed *Beaver Solutions: Fence and Pipe Flow Device* to members, which described the system they wish to install to eliminate the problem in a humane way. WEO Gigliotti stated that this seems an effective solution with no disturbance, excavation, or diversion of water, confirming that, after review, he is satisfied with the process. A fee of \$90, \$30 for the application and \$60 for the State of Connecticut Environmental Quality Fund, will be collected.

Motion: Penny Newbury, seconded by Stan Crawford, to approve WP0924-01. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6: No Permit Necessary: none.

Item 7: WEO Report: WEO Gigliotti reported on the following activity: response to a complaint concerning 197 West Old Route 6, noting that no wetlands are involved; the addition of a porch at 72 Old Canterbury Road; permits for sheds at 350 East Old Route 6; the construction of a barn at 840 Pudding Hill; the construction of a garage at 376 John Mack Road. He noted progress on some houses being built on John Mack Road and the approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Conversation Subdivision on John Mack and Reilly Roads discussed at the last meeting of the IWWA.

Item 8: Communications: none.

Item 9: Discuss and Act on any other Business

1. Election of Officers

Nomination: by Stan Crawford, seconded by Martin Mlyniec, of the following slate of officers: Peter Witkowski, Chairman; Stan Crawford, Vice-Chairman; Secretary: Martin Mlyniec. Hearing no further nominations, the slate was elected by acclamation.

2. Schedule of Meetings for 2025

Motion: Penny Newbury, seconded by Stan Crawford, to meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7PM in the Community Room at Town Hall with the exception of the November, 2025 meeting, which will be held on the first Thursday of the month, November, 6. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 10: Audience for Citizens: WEO Gigliotti reminded members that the Regulations, including amendments to the Applications, which were approved at the January 2, 2024 Meeting, require a Public Hearing. By general consent it was agreed to review the Regulations at the October Meeting, at which time a Public Hearing will be scheduled in conjunction with the November Meeting. Additionally, the First Selectman will be notified that the IWWA is in need of one member and two alternates.

Item 11: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Agency, the Meeting adjourned at 8PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dayna Arriola, Recording Secretary