

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

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JANUARY 26, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the Public Hearing videoconference meeting to order at 7:07 pm

PRESENT: Chairman Richard Girouard
Vice-Chairman John Lauria
David Verespy
Robert Ferrigno

Secretary Greg Csernica
Carmin DeFeo
Richard Deecken

ALSO

PRESENT: John Mayer, Civil Engineer, Town Attorney James Cordone, Tatiana Solovey, Assistant Town Engineer

For the record Attorney Cordone provided an overview for hosting IWWC meeting via zoom teleconferencing and the procedures to be followed.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED at 7:10 pm

Application 25-25 15 Plum Tree LLC

Permit approval to construct a 3 story apartment building & 9 attached townhouses, a retaining wall, subsurface stormwater detention system, level spreader, sidewalks and storm drainage within a regulated area at 5 & 15 Plumtree Lane.

Attorney Bellis addressed the Commission and said an alternate plan was presented as a reasonable and prudent alternate. The alternate is now townhouses not apartments. Approximately 5 ½ units will be in Trumbull. The wetlands and mill river are in Easton. His team, Jason Edwards, Michael Lambert and Matt Popp were present at the meeting to provide an overview of the plan.

The Commission expressed their concern that the plans to be presented were not available in a timely manner to allow the public and the Commission to review before the meeting.

Jason Edwards went over the plan and expanded on the erosion control plan and presented a comparison plan as requested at the last meeting. Michael Lambert discussed the drainage plan. Matt Popp went over the revised landscape plan.

The Commission asked questions and expressed concerns on some of the following topics:
Detailed construction phasing plans submitted; the dumping of stormwater from Trumbull to Easton;
is this being submitted as an 830g; drainage off Plumtree; seeps on hillside; temperature of water conditions.

Attorney Bellis said public comments have not talked about specifics. Can't be possibilities; there needs to be substantial evidence. The density has been reduced. They have pulled back 9 feet from Trumbull line for bigger buffer. Stormwater complies with state. There will be an improvement to water quality. They have agreed to a soil erosion bond.

Attorney Cordone asked for confirmation from Attorney Bellis that he wanted the public hearing closed tonight. Mr. Bellis confirmed he did. Attorney Cordone explained once closed the Commission has 35 days to render a decision and asked Mr. Bellis if he would grant a couple day extension to be heard at the March regular meeting to which he agreed.

Public Comment Opened at 8:24 pm. 11 people spoke-all in opposition of the project expressing various concerns about the alternate plan and the closing of the public hearing.

Dana Benson, 34 Palm Road, Easton

Jonathan Koehm, 9 Russ Road

Jeff Becker, 5 Cedar Hill Road

Marguerite Cotte, 85 Plumtree Lane

Judith DeGraffenried, 323 Unity Road

Ariel Kohn, 156 Wendy Road

James Cosgrove, 2 Plumtree Lane

Mark Cotte, 85 Plumtree Lane

Rich Rosen, 180 Merrimac Drive

Rich & Carmen Moskowitz, 268 Tollhouse Road, Fairfield

Public Comment Closed with the Commission extending a courtesy for additional comments from residents who previously spoke.

Attorney Bellis said no specific harms have been identified and based on law the Commission should approve the application.

The Commission commented on having a wood turtle study done; the contradiction of state vs town regulations; the effect on the river and the intermittent watercourse.

MOTION (Csernica) SECONDED (Ferrigno) to CLOSE the PUBLIC HEARING.

VOTE to CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING CARRIED (4 FOR/3 AGAINST=Deecken, DeFeo, Lauria)

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED at 9:43 pm

By unanimous consent the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission adjourned at 9:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Lombardo

Colleen Lombardo, Clerk