

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

The Connecticut General Statutes empower the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission to regulate activities occurring within inland wetlands or watercourses and to review any activity occurring in the adjacent upland that could negatively affect these natural resources. The Commission does not regulate activities within or adjacent to tidal wetlands, the Connecticut River, or Long Island Sound.

The Board of Selectmen appoints 3 at-large members and 3 alternate members for a 2-year term; participating commissions select representative members for a 2-year term each. The membership of the Agency is the same as those appointed to serve the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission.

During the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the Commission reviewed 8 applications for development with regulated activity of which 3 were residential in nature and 5 were commercial. The Wetlands Enforcement Officer reviewed 4 applications for development with minor activity. The Commission also responded to a number of violations of the regulations and pursued compliance.

The Commission continued to review its regulations to stay current with statutory changes.

The Commission meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall, first floor conference room. Meryl Tsagronis of the Land Use Department supports the Commission as administrative clerk. Sandy Prisloe, Environmental Planner, who conducts enforcement activities, is available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon in the Land Use Department of the Town Hall to assist with applications and to answer questions concerning land use in Old Saybrook.

Judy Preston, Chairperson