

INLAND WETLANDS and WATERCOURSES COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT, FY 2009-2010

The Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission (IWWC) was established by the Town of Old Saybrook in 1973. The IWWC is responsible for regulating activities located within inland wetlands and watercourses as well as the adjacent one hundred feet buffer area to these natural features. In addition, the Commission may consider activities in areas beyond the one hundred feet regulated buffer area when such activity could impact existing inland wetlands or watercourses. This authority is provided in the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of Old Saybrook pursuant to the applicable portions of Section 22a of the Connecticut General Statutes. The IWWC does not regulate activities within or adjacent to tidal wetlands, the Connecticut River or Long Island Sound.

IWWC meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 P.M. at Saybrook Point Pavilion. The Commission is comprised of seven regular members and three alternate members. Three regular members and the three alternate members are appointed to two year terms on the Commission by the Town's Board of Selectmen. The remaining four Commissioners consist of one representative appointed from each of four other Town commissions. The current makeup of the IWWC is as follows:

Paul Smith, Chairman, Regular Member
Charles Sohl, Vice Chairman, Zoning Commission Representative
William Pollock, Secretary, Regular Member
Robert McIntyre, Planning Commission Representative
Kim Gallagher, Conservation Commission Representative
Brendan McKeown, Regular Member
Charles Wehrly, Alternate Member
Vacant, Economic Development Commission Representative
Vacant, Alternate Member
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During the twelve regularly scheduled meetings for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, twelve applications were processed, including two applications that were deemed significant and required a public hearing. The Commission also acted on two reported violations and two permit extensions, as well as conducting three informal discussions with property owners.

Many of the Commissioners have attended state and regionally sponsored workshops, seminars, DEP training, and presentations that focused on the technical, regulatory and administrative aspects of the Commission's work. The IWWC Commissioners continue to serve the Town by active participation on this Commission.

Paul Smith
IWWC Chairman