

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

The Town established the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission (IWWC) in 1973 to regulate activities occurring within inland wetlands and watercourses and to review any activity occurring in the adjacent upland that could negatively impact these natural resources. The Commission does not regulate activities within or adjacent to tidal wetlands, the Connecticut River, or Long Island Sound.

The Commission meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall.

The Commission is comprised of seven regular members and three alternate members. The Town's Board of Selectmen appoints 3 regular members and 3 alternate members to two-year terms on the Commission. The remaining 4 Commissioners consist of a representative appointed from each of four other Town commissions – the Planning Commission, the Zoning Commission, the Conservation Commission, and the Economic Development Commission. The IWWC members serve the Town by active participation on this Commission as well as by staying up-to-date in their DEP certifications by attending state and regionally sponsored workshops, seminars, and presentations that focus on the technical, regulatory, and administrative aspects of the Commission's work.

During the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the Commission processed 20 applications, including an application that was deemed a significant activity and required a public hearing. The Commission also acted on 2 reported violations and 1 permit extension, as well as conducting an informal discussion with property owners. The Commission also amended its regulations to keep abreast of changes in State law. Kathy Noyes supports us as our administrative clerk. Sandy Prisloe, Environmental Planner, who conducts our enforcement activities, is available Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the Land Use Department of the Town Hall to assist with applications and to answer questions concerning wetlands in Old Saybrook.

Paul Smith, *Chairman*