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**Minutes**  
**Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Commission**

Special Meeting:  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020  
7:30PM  
High Plains Community Center Cafeteria  
525 Orange Center Road

**Commission Members Present**

Chairman Mangione called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were, Commissioner Straube, Commissioner Ruotolo, Secretary Giovanelli, Commissioner Ewen, Commissioner Perfetto, Wetland Official Assistant Jack Demirjian, and Recording Secretary Lynn Collucci.

**Consideration of the January 21, 2020 Minutes-** Commissioner Ruotolo made a motion to approve the January 21, 2020 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ewen all were in favor with Commissioner Straube abstaining.

**For Receipt-**Property known as 150 Derby Ave: Submitted by Temple Emanuel of Greater New Haven. To build an additional 2 classrooms to existing building for afterschool Hebrew School Studies, 1,391 sq. ft. in total. Proposal is in the Upland Review Area.

**New Business-** Jack Demirjian, Wetland Official Assistant apprized the Commission that after reviewing the Wetland Activity Fees he noted that they had not increased in twelve years. He informed the Commission that because of all the increases in our expenses, for legal notices, stenographers, state filing fees, etc., that we really need to increase our Fees. Mr. Demirjian had prepared a proposal for increasing the Wetland Activity Fees that he had shared with the Commission. Commissioner Ruotolo made a motion to accept the 2020 Wetland Activity Fee Schedule, seconded by Commissioner Ewen, all were in favor. A copy of The Proposed 2020 Inland Wetland and Water Courses Fee Schedule is attached to the Minutes.

**Enforcement Officer's Report-** Jack Demirjian Wetland Official Assistant informed the Commission that along Greenway Road, directly across from the commuter lot, that U.I. wanted to take down 3 trees. Mr.

Demirjian felt that this was a safety issue and that they needed to come down, and approved administratively the application for the work to take down the 3 trees .

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With no more business to discuss Commissioner Ruotolo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ewen, all were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lynn Collucci  
Recording Secretary

**Next Regular Meeting is on April 14, 2020**

**Inland Wetland Water Courses Regulations**  
**Fee Schedule** *(proposed) 2020*

**All Applications**

State Filing Fee \$ 60.00

**Residential Uses**

New Dwelling-  
single lot + regulated activity fee- \$150.00

**Subdivision**

First lot- \$125.00  
 Additional lots +  
 regulated activity fee \$125.00

**Residential- Multi family and/ or  
 condominiums:**

\$150.00 per dwelling unit

**Commercial Uses**

\$300.00 plus \$100.00/ 1,000  
 square feet of regulated area- 1,000  
 square foot threshold

**Other Activities**

Detention Ponds- \$300.00 each

Watercourse Crossing-  
 + regulated activity fee \$250.00 each

Storm Water Discharge  
 to a Wetland Area- \$250.00 per acre of impervious  
 surface including roofs  
 1 acre threshold

Modification/ Extension of  
 previous approval- \$ 100.00

**Regulated Activity Fee-**

<u>Square feet regulated activity</u>		<u>Fee- square feet regulated activity</u>
0-500	square feet	\$ 75.00
501-1,000	square feet	\$ 100.00
1001- 5,000	square feet	\$150.00
over 5,000	square feet	\$175.00 + \$5.00 per square foot over 5,000 square feet.

**Map amendment petitions**

\$350.00

**Extra Assessments-**

In the event that additional expenses, including but not limited to outside consultants, experts, or legal advisors are incurred in processing the application the applicant may be assessed an additional fee to cover said costs. Said fees are to be estimated by the enforcement officer and submitted with the application fee and held until the application is completely processed, after which time any residual funds pertaining to this assessment are to be returned to the applicant.

For the purpose of this assessment, an “outside consultant” means a professional who is not an employee of the Town of Orange including but not limited to engineering, environmental, hydrogeology and wetland biologists and professionals.

**Exemptions**

Boards, commissions, councils and departments of the Town of Orange are exempt from all fee requirements.

**Petition to waive fee**

The applicant may petition the Commission to waive, reduce or allow delayed payment of the fee required of these regulations. Such petitions shall be in writing and shall state fully the facts and circumstances the Commission should consider in its determination. The Commission may waive all or part of the application fee if the Commission determined that:

- The activity applied for would clearly result in substantial public benefit to the environment or to the public health and safety and the applicant would reasonably be deterred from initiating the activity solely or primarily as a result of the amount of the application fee.
- The amount of the application fee is clearly excessive in relation to the cost to the Town for reviewing and processing the application.

The Commission shall state upon its record the basis for all actions under this subsection.