

ORDINANCE NO. 10-011B

INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION

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History: On May 20, 1974 the establishing ordinance for the Conservation Commission was, among other things, amended to designate it as the inland wetlands agency for the town of Thompson and authorize it to issue appropriate regulations to govern the use of inland wetlands. On April 27, 2005 the establishing ordinance was amended to establish a separate Inland Wetlands commission with members of the Conservation Commission initially continuing to serve as members of the Inland Wetlands Commission with the same terms as the existing Conservation Commission, and that it was not a condition for appointment or reappointment to either agency in the future that the individual is a member of the other agency. This amendment was effective June 1, 2005. On July 27, 2005 the establishing ordinance was again amended reducing the membership of the Inland Wetlands Commission from nine (9) members to seven (7) members. On August 17, 2011 the establishing ordinance and its amendments were codified into Town Ordinance #10-011.

Membership and Appointment: The Inland Wetlands Commission shall consist of five (5) members, and two (2) alternate members, who shall be electors of Thompson, residing in said town and who shall not be an employee of any town office, to be appointed by the Thompson Board of Selectmen for staggered terms of five (5) years beginning on March 15th wherein no more than two (2) terms expire in the same calendar year.

The Thompson Board of Selectmen shall fill all vacancies in the membership of the Inland Wetland Commission and may remove any member for just cause. The absence of any Inland Wetland Commission member for four (4) consecutive meetings may be one (1) of the causes for removal from the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Powers and Duties: The Inland Wetland Commission shall adopt regulations in conformity with the regulations adopted by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection for the protection of wetlands and watercourses and shall serve as the sole agent for the licensing of regulated activities pursuant to such regulations, giving due consideration to the standards set forth in Sections 22a-36 through 22a-45 of the Connecticut General Statutes (the Act), and shall provide for the manner in which boundaries of inland wetland areas of Thompson shall be established and amended, changed, or proposed in accordance with the Act, as amended.

The Inland Wetlands Commission has the authority to:

- 1) Publish such regulations in accordance with the Act as are necessary to protect the inland wetlands and watercourses or any of them individually or collectively;
- 2) Consult and retain various professionals for the purposes of rendering legal, financial, technical, or other assistance and advice in furtherance of any of its purposes, specifically including but not limited to, soil scientists of the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service for the purpose of making onsite interpretations, evaluations, and findings as to soil types and/or utilize the services of such other Town officials and employees as it may deem appropriate, in conformance with established budget processes;

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- 3) Advise, consult, and cooperate with agencies of the municipality, region, state, and federal government, other states and with persons and municipalities in the furtherance of the purposes of this ordinance; to this end, all applications for building permits, subdivision plans, or other permits which involve or may involve regulated activities in an inland wetland or watercourse made to any other Thompson board or commission shall be subject to review by the Inland Wetlands Commission;
- 4) Encourage, participate in or conduct studies, investigations, research and demonstrations, and collect and disseminate information relating to the purposes of this ordinance;
- 5) Inventory or index the inland wetlands and watercourses in such form, including pictorial representations and list of plant species, as the Inland Wetlands Commission deems best suited to effectuate the purposes of this ordinance; and
- 6) Develop comprehensive programs in furtherance of the purposes of this ordinance;
- 7) Exercise all incidental powers necessary to enforce regulations and to carry out the purposes of this ordinance.