

INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

The Town established the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission in 1973 to regulate activities occurring within inland wetlands or 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 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 Commission 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 2011-2012 fiscal year, the Commission processed 20 applications, acted on 4 reported violations and 1 permit transfer, as well as conducted informal discussions with property owners.

Sandy Prisløe, Environmental Planner, who conducts our 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.

The Commission meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall, first floor conference room. Kathy Noyes of the Land Use Department supports us as our administrative clerk.

Paul H. Smith, *Chairman*