

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD
APPLICATION# 25 IWC 8
REGULAR MEETING – THURSDAY, April 17, 2025
Prepared by Stacy Radford, Zoning & Wetlands Officer

Applicant: Nathan Hermann
Property Owners: Nathan Hermann & Athena Ryan
Address: 16 Dennis Drive (Parcel ID: 023-003-035)
Date of Receipt: April 14, 2025
Date Received by IWC: April 17, 2025 (*DRD – June 21, 2025*)

Applicant Request: As of right determination for activities within the wetlands and the upland review area in conjunction with the proposed selective removal of plants that are deemed invasive to the area and which are seen to inhibit the growth of native, wetland plant species.

Activity Description:

Wetland Disturbance Area	Applicant states approx. 37,000 SF
Watercourse/Waterbody Disturbance Area	Applicant states approx. 420 LF
Upland Review Disturbance Area	Applicant states approx. 21,000 SF

STAFF COMMENTS:

- This Application is for an As of right determination for activities within the wetlands and the upland review area in conjunction with the proposed selective removal of plants that are deemed invasive to the area and which are seen to inhibit the growth of native, wetland plant species.
- The property is located on 2.59 acres in the R-40 zoning district with approximately 265 feet of frontage onto Dennis Drive. The property is currently developed with a single-family residence and a 16' x 12' shed.
- The Applicant proposes to only perform such targeted cuttings of invasive species in the wetland area and to monitor any spreading to protect against any further establishment in the wetlands.
- The Applicant also proposes to take precautions to cause as minimal footprint in the wetland soil and has indicated that all activities will be conducted by foot and by using only manual tools, namely stem clippers and loppers.
- The Applicant states he will make cuts as close to the ground on all targeted shrubs and vines.
- Finally, the Applicant would like to repeat these activities approximately monthly from April through September, until such time as no additional growth is observed.

CONSIDERATION FOR ACTION:

Should the Commission find this Application to be an “As of Right Determination”, the following language for a Motion for Approval is attached.

MOTION #1 (A Motion to Approve)

After giving due consideration to all relevant factors, including those in Section 4 of the Montville Inland Wetland Regulations and Section 22a-40 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I move that Application# **25 IWC 8**, submitted by Owner/Applicant Nathan Hermann for activities within the wetlands and the upland review area to remove plants that are deemed invasive to the area and which are seen to inhibit the growth of native, wetland plant species, more fully described in the Application and associated documents, dated April 12, 2025 is a Permitted Use As of Right and, therefore, no permit is required.

Should the Commission find that this Application requires a Permit, Staff recommends IWC receive and review Application 25 IWC 8, set a date for a site walk (if desired) and table the application to the May 15, 2025 meeting.