

SECTION 9 - PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 9.1 The Inland Wetlands Agency shall not hold a public hearing on such application unless the Agency determines that the proposed activity may have a significant impact on wetlands or watercourses or a petition signed by at least twenty-five persons who are eighteen years of age or older and who reside in the municipality in which the regulated activity is proposed, requesting a hearing is filed with the Agency not later than fifteen days after the date of receipt of such application or the Agency finds that a public hearing regarding such application would be in the public interest. The Commission may issue a permit without a public hearing provided no petition provided for in this section is filed with the Commission on or before the fifteenth day after the receipt of the application. Such hearing shall be held no later than sixty-five days after the receipt of such application. All applications and maps and documents relating thereto shall be open for public inspection. Any person may appear and be heard at any public hearing. (Amend. Effective Date: May 15, 2011).
- 9.2 Notice of the public hearing shall be published at least twice at intervals of not less than two days, the first not more than fifteen days and not fewer than ten days, and the last not less than two days before the date set for the hearing in a newspaper having a general circulation in each town where the affected wetland or watercourse is located. (Amend. Effective Date June 1, 1997)
- 9.3 One public hearing notice sign per road frontage will be supplied by the Commission and posted by the applicant in a manner clearly visible to the general public for a minimum of ten (10) consecutive days prior to the public hearing date.
- 9.4 In the case of any application which is subject to the notification provisions of Subsection 8.4 of these regulations, a public hearing shall not be conducted until the clerk of the adjoining municipalit(ies) has received notice of the pendency of the application. Proof of such notification shall be entered into the hearing record.