

*Town of Killingworth  
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission  
Killingworth, Connecticut 06419*

**Regular Meeting #26-4**

**Town Office Building**

**April 14, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glenn Johnson at 6:59 p.m.

Members present: G. Johnson, C. Jacob, E. Pizzuto, C. Plum, T. Doyle, C. Reimers  
. Also present - L. Kieft-Robitaille (WEO/ZEO)

Members absent: None

Visitors: James Winters, Jesus Villegas, Jhefferson & Erika Rivera, Chris Parkington,  
Michael Berkun, Attorney Richard Roberts, Canny MacGonagle

**MINUTES**

*T. Doyle moved, seconded by C. Plum, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026 Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion of potential ordinance to fine applicants for IWWC Regulations violations**

Attorney Richard Roberts from Halloran Sage addressed the commission about the procedure to enact an ordinance to enable this commission to levy a fine on those who conduct activities in or near wetlands and watercourses without a review and/or an IWWC permit. Attorney Roberts has assisted many town organizations in drafting ordinances. He outlined the steps that this commission would have to take to draft a citation ordinance. Members will follow up on his information.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Jack B. Coy (owner), Michael Berkun (applicant) permit application (W56) - 275 Roast Meat Hill Road - addition to existing dwelling**

Mr. Berkun discussed his application to add on to the back of his one bedroom house. Members are familiar with the property and did not foresee any negative impact on the nearby wetlands if the proposed activity is done properly. A vote will be taken at the next regularly scheduled meeting in May.

**Erika & Jhefferson Rivera permit application (W57) - 14 Bethke Road - pool house construction**

The builder who will be constructing the proposed pool house presented information on the application. Commission members discussed the possibility that the pond on the property may be a vernal pool. The identification of a vernal pool has to be made by a certified soil scientist. The builder indicated he would contact a soil scientist to inspect the pond. Linda Kieft-Robitaille (WEO/ZEO) informed the applicants that a map showing the wetlands on the property has to be submitted before a decision can be made. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

**Rod Burgess (applicant) permit application (W58) - 1 Alders Bridge Road - timber harvest**

Linda Kieft-Robitaille will meet with Mr. Burgess to confirm the details of the proposed timber harvest. Mr. Burgess is planning on this activity being conducted this summer.

**Darren Dawson inquiry about a proposed business - 26 Chittenden Road**

Mr. Dawson was not present but WEO/ZEO officer, Linda Kieft-Robitaille, has discussed with him his proposal for starting a towing business and possibly an auto repair or auto dealer business. The property in question has a large portion of wetlands on it. Ms. Kieft-Robitaille will contact Mr. Dawson and have him submit an application to the commission to be discussed at the next meeting.

**CEASE & DESIST ORDER**

**Complaint - Jesus & Fresolina Villegas Trustees (owner) - dumping excess amount of woodchips & possible other material within wetlands and 100' wetlands setback - 167 River Road**

The owners have been dumping wood chips in wetlands and within the wetlands setback without a permit or any discussion with the wetlands commission. They did not respond to the letters from this commission since December, until tonight. Mr. Villegas attended the meeting tonight and told commission members that he did not think the wood chips and mulch were in or near wetlands. He was informed by members that the wood chips are in and near wetlands and have to be removed. He also has to restore the area with appropriate plantings. Members are asking Mr. Villegas to submit a written plan outlining the steps he will be taking and a time frame of when it will be completed. Members will conduct a site walk at a Special IWWC Meeting on Friday, April 24th at 5:00.

**Chris Parkington - 49 Stevens Road - complaint of flooding on his property (*added to the agenda under New Business by a motion by C. Reimers that was seconded by C. Plum. The motion carried unanimously*).**

Mr. Parkington attended the meeting and spoke about flooding on his property that is killing the trees there. Members discussed the possible sources of the water. A site walk will be conducted at a Special IWWC Meeting on April 24th at 4:30.

**Potential new member of the commission**

Cinny MacGonagle attended the meeting to see how the commission conducts its business. She may submit her name to the Selectmen to be appointed as a member of this commission. Ms. MacGonagle has been involved in several environmental committees in New Jersey. Members enthusiastically approved her possible appointment.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

IWWC Budget sheet - July 2025-March 2026, dated April 1, 2026

**ADJOURNMENT**

*With no other business to discuss, T. Doyle moved, seconded by C. Plum, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. The motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Lisk  
Clerk