

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

Special Meeting #26-5

Town Office Building

May 12, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glenn Johnson at 7:00 pm

Members present: G. Johnson, E. Pizzuto, C. Plum, T. Doyle, C. Reimers

Members absent: C. Jacob

Visitors: Jesus Villegas, Todd Secki, Rod Burgess, Nancy & Fred Jackson, Stanley (Skip) Drozd,
Jeffrey & Diane Andrewsikas

MINUTES

T. Doyle moved, seconded by C. Reimers, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2026 Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Pizzuto moved, seconded by T. Doyle, to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2026 Special Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Mr. Berkun's application is to add on to the back of his one bedroom house. Members agreed that there would be no negative impact to the wetlands. *T. Doyle moved, seconded by C. Plum, to approve the applicaton as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.*

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

At the April meeting, commission members discussed the possibility that the pond on the property may be a vernal pool. The applicants submitted a map showing the wetlands on the property. They also submitted a letter from Soil Scientist Richard Snarski noting that he did not see any evidence of a vernal pool on the site. *T. Doyle made a motion to approve the application. It was seconded by C. Reimers and carried unanimously.*

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

Mr. Burgess attended the meeting and explained that Enforcement Officer Linda Kieft-Robitaille had walked the site of the proposed timber harvest with him. He said the timber harvest will cut 650 trees in a proposed four-six week project. The activity will use the same staging area and crossing that were used in the area approximately twenty years ago. Mr. Burgess is planning on this activity beginning in the next couple of weeks. *A motion made by T. Doyle was seconded by C. Plum and approved unanimously.*

Darren Dawson inquiry about a proposed business - 26 Chittenden Road

At the April 14th IWWC meeting, Enforcement Officer L. Kieft-Robitaille discussed a proposal that Mr. Dawson explained to her. The proposal was for a business of towing vehicles to this site, with the possibility of creating an auto repair or auto dealership business. Commission Chairman G. Johnson has looked at the site on Chittenden Road. No application has been submitted and members would like the owner to submit one before further discussion and any decision can be made on the proposal.

Chris Parkington - 49 Stevens Road - complaint of flooding on his property (

Mr. Parkington attended the April 14th IWWC meeting and spoke about flooding on his property that is killing the trees there. A site walk was conducted on April 24th. Members noted that this appears to be a drainage issue, with water flowing from the parking area at the LaForesta Restaurant next door. No IWWC intervention was discussed at this time.

Discussion of potential ordinance to fine applicants for IWWC Regulations violations

Chairman Johnson received information from Enforcement Officer Kieft-Robitaille that the P&Z Commission would like to consider an ordinance for their commission also. She also noted the Town Attorney is working on this.

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

Members conducted a site walk on April 24th. Chairman Johnson said progress is being made on removing the wood chips on the property. The area can be seeded for a pasture area once all of the chips are gone and the area is back to its natural state. Mr. Villegas attended the meeting and was told to keep removing the chips, but no time frame for completion was given to him.

NEW BUSINESS

Todd Secki permit application (W60) - 154 Pond Meadow Road - construction of outbuildings

Mr. Secki attended the meeting and discussed his application to add two single-story pre-built outbuildings on his property. One of the buildings will be a medical building to assist in the rehabilitation of the birds in his care (A Place Called Hope); the other building will be a workshop. Mr. Secki said the buildings will have electricity, but no plumbing and no water. They will be constructed by Kloter Farms on concrete piers. Members will conduct a site walk on Wednesday, May 20th at 4:00 p.m.

Jodi & Stanley Drozd permit application (W61) - 33 Wolf Hollow Road - deck construction

Stanley (Skip) Drozd attended the meeting to discuss his application to construct a 31' x 19' deck off their existing sunroom. Mr. Drozd will stake the area in preparation for the commission's site walk on May 20th at approximately 4:30 p.m. (after the Pond Meadow site walk).

Frederick & Nancy Jackson permit application (W62) - 70 Parker Hill Road - propane tanks and whole-house generator

Mr. Jackson discussed his proposed application for installing two propane tanks and a whole-house generator. Members did not see the need for a site inspection because the tanks will be installed near the house and will not have any negative wetlands impact. A vote is expected to be taken at the June 9th IWWC meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. IWWC Budget sheet - July 2025-March 2026, dated May 1, 2026
2. J. B. Coy (owner), M. Berkun (applicant) permit application
3. Copy of letter from Richard R. Snarski to E. Rivera, 4/20/26, re: vernal pool
4. Topographic Survey (partial) of 14 Bethke Road
5. Sketch of location of pool & pool house - 14 Bethke Road
6. Stanley & Jodi Drozd permit application
7. Site map - 33 Wolf Hollow Road
8. Frederick & Nancy Jackson permit application
9. Site plan sketch - 70 Parker Hill Road
10. Todd M. Secki permit application
11. Map showing site of two proposed buildings - 154 Pond Meadow Road
12. Proposed Subdivision of the 2nd Tract of Land Formerly of Mona N. Andrews to be known as Pond Meadow Farm Subdivision

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, T. Doyle moved, seconded by C. Reimers, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Lisk
Clerk