

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

**Regular Meeting #24-5
Town Emergency Operations Center**

May 14, 2024

Chairman Glenn Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

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

Members absent: D. Cutillo

Visitors: Mrs. Walker, Michael Berkun

MINUTES

C. Plum moved, seconded by C. Reimers, to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024 IWWC meeting. Doyle, Plum, Pizzuto and Reimers voted in favor. The motion carried. It was noted during discussion of the rescission of subdivision on the Jack B. Coy LLC property, the agenda stated it was a six lot subdivision, but a five lot subdivision was approved by this commission.

C. Plum moved, seconded by E. Pizzuto, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2024 Special Meeting (site walk). Doyle, Plum, Pizzuto and Reimers voted in favor. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Kimberly & Ralph Maldonado permit application for a storage shed, 4 Cow Hill Road

A site walk was conducted on April 11th to review the location of the proposed shed. The wetland limit was "readily discernible" and is approximately 40' from the proposed shed location. No major concerns were raised during the site walk, but members noted that "the present drainage path would need to be stabilized and perhaps diverted to avoid flooding during high rainfall events." *C. Plum moved, seconded by E. Pizzuto, to approve the permit application. Plum, Pizzuto, Doyle and Reimers voted in favor. The motion carried.*

Jack & Linda DePedro permit application for a storage shed, 45 Kenilworth Drive

A site walk was also conducted at this location on April 11th. The proposed shed is approximately 60-70" from the wetlands which were flagged in March of this year. The shed will be situated on a layer of crushed stone. Members agreed that the outlying drainage inlets "need to be maintained to prevent surface flooding." *E. Pizzuto moved, seconded by C. Plum, to approve the application. Plum, Pizzuto, Doyle and Reimers voted in favor. The motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS

William Walker, Jr. permit application to clear a pond of cattails, and dredge the pond, 25 Overlook Farms Road

Mrs. Walker was present to discuss their proposed clearing and dredging of the existing pond on their property. Only the front edge of the pond's cattails will be removed, and only a portion of the pond will be dredged. A letter was received from an adjoining property owner who has approved the cattails removal. The letter also asked the Walkers to use a "minimalist approach" to dredging the pond. There was consensus that no major wetlands concerns are envisioned. A vote is anticipated at the June IWWC meeting.

IWWC Rescission of approval of the five lot subdivision on the Jack B. Coy LLC property on Roast Meat Hill Road.

The agenda for this meeting had incorrectly stated that there were six lots approved. This commission approved a five-lot subdivision last year. At the April 2024 IWWC meeting, Mr. Berkun said he was no longer interested in building houses in the approved subdivision. The rescission of the subdivision approval was added to tonight's agenda so there would be no subdivision restrictions on the property if Mr. Berkun is going to have a farming operation to raise livestock as he stated at the April meeting. At tonight's meeting, Mr. Berkun stated that he did not want to rescind this commission's approval of the subdivision so no vote was taken.

Jack B. Coy LLC (owner), Michael Berkun (applicant) permit application for creation of a farm pond on Roast Meat Hill Road, Map 28, Lot 59A

Mr. Berkun and Enforcement Officer L. Kieft-Robitaille discussed the fact that Planning & Zoning has not yet approved the subdivision that has been approved by this commission. IWWC members are considering this property at this time to be a five-lot subdivision and not a farm. No farming activities are currently being conducted on the property. The submitted application is requesting a farm pond because they intend to have cows and goats. Mr. Berkun stated tonight that he just found out a few days ago that there will be no animals on the property. Members had expressed concern about livestock in the stream area on the property. It was noted that the Class-A stream that is on the property is not shown on the map that was displayed tonight. Enforcement Officer L. Kieft-Robitaille stated that she has several maps of the property, but they are all different. A letter from the CT Water Company, dated May 13th, was submitted stating that they have no objections to the pond "as long as livestock and other farm animals are excluded from the pond."

Mr. Berkun will submit more detailed information about his proposal at the next IWWC meeting.

H-K Recreation Commission pickleball court discussion

C. Reimers moved, seconded by C. Plum, to add this item to the agenda for discussion only. Reimers, Plum and Pizzuto voted in favor; Doyle voted against. The motion carried.

H-K Recreation Commission member (and IWWC chair) G. Johnson discussed two proposals to add a pickleball court for an additional recreational activity in town. One of the potential locations is between the library and the Rocco Reale Field on Route 81. This location will involve a wetland area and will need a permit application to this commission. The other potential location is at Sheldon Park on Route 80, next to the basketball court. This location will not involve any wetland issues. Only one of the locations will be used. Members of the H-K Recreation Commission have not voted on either one of these locations. Mr. Johnson was interested in getting feedback from this commission. He will let this commission know what decision H-K Rec. makes.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. IWWC Budget printout, dated 5/1/24
2. Application for Regulated Activity - William Walker Jr.
3. House location plot, Lot #3, Overlook Farms
4. Application for Regulated Activity - Jack Coy LLC (owner), Michael Berkun (applicant)
5. Four certified mailing receipts from Coy LLC/Berkun application
6. Application to Conduct a 470-11 Permitted Use of Right Activity in Wetlands, Watercourses, or Adjacent Areas - Coy LLC (owner), Berkun (applicant)
7. List of Certificates of Mailing-Firm for Coy LLC (owner), Berkun (applicant) application
8. Public Water Supply Watershed or Aquifer Area Project Notification Form - Coy/Berkun
9. Copy of emailed letter from Jessica Baldwin (CT Water Company), 5/13/24, to Linda Kieft-Robitaille
10. Farm Pond Narrative from Coy LLC/Berkun
11. Copy of Subdivision Plan prepared for Jack B. Coy LLC

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to discuss, *C. Reimers moved, seconded by C. Plum, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Doyle, Plum, and Pizzuto and Reimers voted in favor. The motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Lisk
Clerk