

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

**Regular Meeting #24-10
Town Emergency Operations Center**

October 8, 2024

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

Members present: G. Johnson, E. Pizzuto, C. Reimers, T. Doyle
. Also present - Enforcement Officer L. Kieft-Robitaille

Members absent: D. Cutillo, C. Plum

Visitors: Michael Berkun, Ethan Drain, Geoff Cook

MINUTES

C. Reimers moved and E. Pizzuto seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2024 Regular Meeting and the minutes of the August 22nd site walks and the September 10, 2024 Information Session. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Michael & Deborah Cassella After-the-fact permit application (W-29) for already-constructed storage bins in regulated area, 157 Route 81

A site walk determined that there were no adverse impacts on the wetlands environment due to the placement of the storage bins. *A motion was made by T. Doyle and seconded by E. Pizzuto, to approve the after-the-fact permit application. The motion was carried unanimously.*

Town of Killingworth (owner), Killingworth Park and Recreation Commission (applicant) permit application (W-30) for construction of pickle ball courts, 323 Route 81

Chairman Johnson reminded the members that the location of the pickle ball courts is in the buffer area, but as far from the wetlands as possible. No negative impact on the wetlands is anticipated with this construction *T. Doyle moved, seconded by E. Pizzuto, to approve the application. The motion carried unanimously.*

Geoffrey and Annette Cook permit application (W-31) for an in-ground pool, 31 Robin Lane

A site walk on August 22nd determined that there were no wetlands issues with the proposed pool construction. *A motion made by E. Pizzuto and seconded by T. Doyle was approved unanimously.*

Jack B. Coy, LLC (owner), Michael Berkun (applicant) permit application (W-32) to excavate a farm pond, between Roast Meat Hill Road and Reservoir Road

Members reviewed the proposal for a farm pond to provide water for the proposed commercial sale of wetlands vegetation. *E. Pizzuto moved, seconded by T. Doyle, to approve the application with the condition that all activity remain outside the 30' buffer areas on both streams on the property, and that all conditions determined by the CT Water Company be met. The motion carried unanimously.* Mr. Berkun stated that he has no problem with meeting all of those conditions.

NEW BUSINESS

C. Reimers moved, seconded by T. Doyle, to add the following item to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Killingworth Volunteer Fire Department maintenance proposal

Ethan Drain (Drainscapes LLC), a member of the Fire Department, addressed the commission to ask for approval to maintain and clean out drains and drafting basins for improved performance. He said a company from Franklin, CT would do the cleanout and he would provide excavation services for the project. *A motion was made by T. Doyle, and seconded by E. Pizzuto, to approve the maintenance project proposed by the Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.*

C. Reimers moved, seconded by T. Doyle, to authorize WEO L. Kieft-Robitaille to look into whether the Town or this commission can/ does have as-of-right approval of Town maintenance projects that involve wetlands areas. The motion carried unanimously.

Complaint

Chairman G. Johnson reported that he had a complaint that a resident on Reservoir Road was mowing a wetland area. Mr. Johnson said the area in question is a wetland area and should be left in its natural state. Members agreed that the homeowner should be notified. A letter will be sent to the homeowner stating this information.

Vacancies

There has been one vacancy on this commission for many months. One member of the commission has not attended any meetings or site walks in several months and members agreed that if he cannot attend the meetings regularly, he should resign so a new member can be appointed.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. IWWC Budget print-out for July-September 2024, dated 9/30/24
2. Memo from D. Mooney, Town Clerk, 10/1/24, re: 2025 Meeting Schedules

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, C. Reimers moved, seconded by E. Pizzuto, to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Lisk
Clerk