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

Regular Meeting #25-5 Town Emergency Operations Center

May 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glenn Johnson at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members absent: E. Pizzuto Also absent - Enforcement Officer L. Kieft-Robitaille

Visitors: Michael Berkun

MINUTES

C. Plum moved, seconded by C. Reimers, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2025 Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

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Jack B. Coy LLC (owner), Michael Berkun (applicant) After-the-Fact permit application (W-43) or as-of-right farm activity approval for existing sheds at 275 Roast Meat Hill Road Mr. Berkun has submitted an after-the-fact permit for four sheds that are now on his property. He would also like commission members to consider approving this project as an as-of-right farming activity. Mr. Berkun had submitted an application for the sheds in December, but withdrew the application before it could be discussed. At this meeting he explained that he "got tired of waiting" and installed the sheds in November, 2024. He knows this is an after-the-fact permit and agreed to any "punishments" that the commission may decide. There was a discussion about possible fines for installing the sheds prior to approval by this commission.

Mr. Berkun said the sheds will house his tractor and tools and other materials. The attached narrative states that "each shed is expected to have multiple farm uses over the years". The narrative attached to the application explained that these will be temporary portable sheds. A site map showing the current location of the sheds was submitted. Chairman Johnson read a report from WEO/ZEO Enforcement Officer Linda Kieft-Robitaille stating that the sheds cannot be temporary, especially if one of them will house a propane tank. If the sheds are moved, a new permit application, showing the new locations, will have to be submitted to the commission.

A Special IWWC Meeting will be held on May 20th at 3:30 pm at 275 Roast Meat Hill Road. Discussion of this application will continue at the June IWWC meeting.

Jack B. Coy Farm Pond Progress Report at 275 Roast Meat Hill Road

A report was submitted by Mr. Berkun that explains the progress of the approved farm pond on the property. The inspection of the pond was on April 23, 2025. Attendees were Michael Berkun, Jessica Baldwin from the CT Water Company, and Chris Kornatz from the CT Water Co. The report discussed the Erosion Control and Stabilization, the Recommendations and the Schedule. Chairman Johnson read the schedule of the pond. It is expected that the pond will be fully excavated with permanent plantings by December 15, 2026.

Lot on Cedar Drive

There was a discussion about a lot on Cedar Drive that is being cleared. All of the trees have been cut down. Member C. Plum said that in a drive-by of the area, the lot is very wet and muddy. He said that may be because of the large amount of rain that we have gotten lately, or the lot has wetlands on it. Chairman Johnson said he will follow up

COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. Jack B. Coy LLC (owner), Michael Berkun (applicant) permit application 275 Roast Meat Hill Rd
- 2. "As-Built" Plan prepared for Jack B. Coy LLC, 275 Roast Meat Hill Rd., 2/17/25, 1 sheet
- 3. Three pages of shed information for J.B. Coy LLC application
- 4. Letter from Michael Berkun to Town of Killingworth IWWC, Attn: Linda M. Kieft-Robitaille, 5/6/25, re: request for IWWA Jurisdictional Finding
- 5. Cover sheet re: Request for IWWC approval for farm use utility, dated 5/6/25, J.B.Coy LLOC
- 6. IWWC Budget sheet, July 2024-April 2025, dated 5/2/25
- 7. IWWC Budget Transaction Detail by Account, 7/2024 4/25/25, dated 5/6/25

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, T. Doyle moved, seconded by C. Plum to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Lisk Clerk