

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

**Regular Meeting #25-7
Town Emergency Operations Center**

July 8, 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. Jacob, E. Pizzuto, C. Reimers
. Also present - L. Kieft-Robitaille (WEO/ZEO)

Members absent: None

Visitors: Kevin Gorman, Ed Gorman, Chuck Mandel, Michael Venuti

MINUTES

C. Jacobs moved, seconded by T. Doyle, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025 Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Fines for work done prior to obtaining a permit

At the June 10th meeting, members discussed investigating the possibility of this commission being able to levy a fine on an applicant who has done work in a regulated area prior to receiving a permit for that work. WEO L. Kieft-Robitaille reported that any fines levied will go to DEEP. Members said that perhaps an ordinance can be written so that the local agencies can keep some of the assessed fines. Chairman Johnson said he will contact the First Selectman to review the necessary steps to possibly create a new ordinance or policy for this commission. Discussion will continue at the next IWWC meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Town of Killingworth, c/o E. Couture, First Selectman permit application (W44) for replacement of existing stone culvert at Abner Lane Road over Chatfield Hollow Brook

Chairman Johnson reported that he had looked at the site. The Town is proposing to install a concrete box culvert to replace a deteriorating stone culvert. Chairman Johnson noted that this is a sensitive area with a unique wetland. The proposed culvert will be 16 feet long and designed for a 50 year storm. G. Johnson explained the steps that he anticipates will be taken to replace the culvert. A site walk will be held on Friday, July 11th at approximately 5:15 pm (after another site walk) to assess the impact of the project on the nearby wetlands and watercourse. The Town Engineer is expected to attend the site walk.

David Vieau (owner), Thomas A. Stevens & Assoc., Inc. (applicant) permit application (W45) for a driveway crossing with culvert on Cow Hill Road, Map 40, Lot 42

Chuck Mandel (representing T.A. Stevens & Assoc.) explained the owner's proposal to access a 38 acre parcel for agricultural development. An adjacent 13 acre lot will be for his daughter. They will be clearing land for a pasture. The proposed driveway will be paved, sixteen feet wide over a 110 foot wetland crossing to access the primary upland farming area. The property was flagged many years ago by a soil scientist, and was partially reflagged recently. Mr. Mandel noted that a landscape architect has been hired for the project. Members will conduct a site walk on Friday, July 11th at 4:30 pm. #137 Cow Hill Road is the nearest numbered property to this site.

Kevin Gorman permit application (W46) for dredging a pond at 361 Roast Meat Hill Road

C. Jacobs moved, seconded by T. Doyle, to add this application to the agenda under New Business. The motion was unanimously approved. The application was submitted in time to be included for discussion, but after the agenda was submitted. Mr. Gorman stated that the pond had silted in and he just wanted to remove some of the silt. He will use the excavated material to level out some areas on the property, but it will not be used near the adjacent Land Trust property. The pond is approximately a half acre in size and approximately seven feet deep. Michael Venuti will use an excavator to remove the silt. Commission members will conduct a site walk on Friday, July 11th at approximately 5:45 pm (two other site walks will take place before this one).

COMMUNICATIONS

1. IWWC Budget sheet, July 2024-May 2025, dated 7/1/25
2. K. Gorman permit application
3. D. Vieau (owner), T.A. Stevens & Assoc, Inc. permit application
4. Proposed Farm Development Report, Assessor's Map 40, Lot 42 - Killingworth, CT
5. Site Plan, Crooked Stick Farm, prepared for David Vieau, Cow Hill Road, 7/02/25
6. Town of Killingworth, c/o E. Couture, First Selectman permit application
7. Copy of letter from Eric Davison, Registered Soil Scientist-Davis Environmental, to Alexander Terk, Nathan L. Jacobson & Assoc., 6/28/25, re: Wetland & Watercourse Delineation-Chatfield Hollow Brook at Abner Lane
8. Copy of letter from John Bear, P.E. and Max Wells, P.E.(President, Welti Geotechnical, P.C. to William J. Eydman, Nathan Jacobson & Associates, 2/7/25, re: Geotechnical Study for the Replacement of Culvert carrying Abner Lane over Chatfield Hollow Brook, Killingworth, CT

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, T. Doyle moved, seconded by E. Pizzuto to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Lisk
Clerk