

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

ON SITE WALK-THRU MINUTES

1:00 P.M. – 2:15 PM

August 15, 2025

Wetlands and probable vernal pool incursion violation

Owner Mr. and Mrs. Jhefferson Rivera

14 Bethke Road Hill Road

Construction and installation of 7' high opaque wood fence in inland wetlands and adjacent to an apparent vernal pool.

A field walk-thru was conducted on August 15, 2025, at the above reference site, the following were in attendance:

Carol Reimers- Inland Wetlands Commissioner
Chris Plum Inland Wetlands Commissioner
Ernie Pizzuto- Inland Wetlands Commissioner
Casey Jacob- Inland Wetlands Commissioner
Glenn Johnson-Inland Wetlands Chairman
Anthony Viska-Adjacent Landowner
Sherri Viska-Adjacent Landowner

It is to be reported that an initial walk-through was performed on August 1, 2025, by Glenn Johnson and Zoning Enforcement Officer Linda Kieft-Robitaille responding to a complaint by an adjacent landowner. As a result of this walk-through, it was determined that an incursion into inland wetlands and probable vernal pool had occurred predicated by the construction of a wooden fence without the issuance of a permit had occurred. A certified registered letter was sent out on this date notifying the property owner to cease and desist of these activities and to attend the next scheduled inland wetlands meeting on August 12, 2025.

It is also to be noted that at the time of this walk-through that the cease-and-desist order was ignored as it was evident on this date that the construction of the fence continued and the property owner did not attend the August 12th inland wetland meeting.

The Walk-Thru team proceeded to the south-west property corner at the location of the probable vernal pool (See Pictures No. 1 and No. 2). It was evident that the construction of the

wooden fence was indeed located within inland wetlands and was adjacent to a probable vernal pool. This work was done so without a permit from this commission.

We next proceeded along the south-western property boundary along the location of the as yet uncompleted wood fence line. It became obvious that the fence location was within inland wetlands.

The commission next looked at the proposed location of the fence located along the southern property bounds (See Picture No. 3) and it was observed that this to was located within inland wetlands.

The commission agreed that a show cause hearing should be immediately scheduled for purposes of allowing the violator to be heard. It was agreed that this should be scheduled for August 21, 2025, and would meet the 10-day period called for in our regulations.

The Walk-Thru adjourned at 2:15 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Johnson'.

Respectfully submitted, Glenn Johnson, Chairman

cc: All attendees, First Selectman, Robin Zagorodny, building official

**PICTURE NO. 1 - LOCATED AT THE SOUTH-WEST PROPERTY CORNER OF 14 BATHKE ROAD-
LOOKING IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION AT FENCE UNDER CONSTRUCTION**



Inland Wetlands

Constructed
Fence

Proposed
location of fence
corner

Surveyed Property
Boundary –
Southwest Corner, 14
Bethke Road

PICTURE NO. 2 LOOKING AT PROBABLE VERNAL POOL LOCATED AT SOUTH-WEST PROPERTY CORNER- 14 BETJLE ROAD



Dried Up
Probable Vernal
Pool

Inland Wetlands

PICTURE NO. 3 LOOKING AT PROPOSED LOCATION OF WOOD FENCE ALONG SOUTHERN PROPERTY BOUNDS OF 14 BETHKE ROAD



Surveyed Property
Boundary –
Southwest Corner, 14
Bethke Road

Inland Wetlands