

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

**Regular Meeting #25-12
Town Office Building**

December 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glenn Johnson at 6:58 p.m.

Members present: G. Johnson, C. Jacob, E. Pizzuto, C. Plum, T. Doyle, C. Reimers
. Also present - L. Kieft-Robitaille (WEO/ZEO)

Members absent: None

Visitors: Anthony Viski, Jason Nemergut

MINUTES

T. Doyle moved, seconded by C. Plum, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2025 Special Meeting, with the following correction: In the November 12th minutes on the computer of one of the members, an unnamed second visitor was mentioned. Members agreed that the visitor, Jason Nemergut, P.E., should be added as a visitor. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Saw Mill Hollow, LLC - George Braff managing member permit application (W54) for installation of a septic system and water service for existing building - 90 Route 148

Jason Nemergut, P.E., reviewed the proposal for installation of a septic system and water system. The location is different than the location approved by this commission in 2022, but no negative impact to the wetlands is anticipated. *T. Doyle moved, seconded by C. Plum, to approve the application as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.*

Discussion of potential policy to fine applicants for IWWC Regulations violations

Members have been discussing this item for a few months and had hoped to discuss this with the Town Attorney at an IWWC meeting. This has not happened yet and members discussed what the commission's next steps should be. WEO L. Robitaille-Kieft said she will talk with First Selectman Eric Couture to find out what the commission should do to begin the process of possibly writing a town ordinance to address fines for regulations violations.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and vote on IWWC officers for 2026

The current officers were nominated and agreed to continue their roles next year.

Secretary/Treasurer, C. Reimers, cast one vote for the commission to approve the following nominated officers:

Chairman - Glenn Johnson

Vice Chairman - Terry Doyle

Secretary/Treasurer - Carol Reimers

CEASE & DESIST ORDER

IWWC Violation - 14 Bethke Road - fence construction in regulated area

Anthony Viski, a neighbor of the Riveras who live at 14 Bethke Road, submitted photos of the fence and brush piles on the property next to his. He noted that the fence has been constructed in wetlands, and a lot of debris has been pushed into the wetlands. The Riveras have also posted No Trespassing signs on the property border. Commission members said they gave permission to Mr. Rivera to construct the fence at that location. Members would like to check the property to see if the Riveras are complying with the instructions and approvals that the commission gave them. A site walk will be conducted on December 16th, at 2:00 pm.

CEASE & DESIST HEARING

Complaint - Jesus & Fresolina Villegas Trustees (owner) - dumping excess amount of woodchips & possible other material within wetlands and 100' wetlands setback - 167 River Road

WEO L. Robitaille-Kieft informed the commission that she had sent a letter by regular mail and certified mail to the property owners at both the 167 and 169 River Road addresses. The owners have been dumping wood chips in wetlands and within the wetlands setback without a permit or any discussion with the wetlands commission. Tonight's meeting was also supposed to be a hearing to learn what the property owners were doing and the reason for it. The owners did not respond to the letters and did not appear tonight for the hearing. Chairman Johnson will contact First Selectman E.Couture to get advice on what the next steps should be for the commission to pursue this activity.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Schedule of IWWC meetings in 2026
2. IWWC Budget - July through October 2025, as of October 31st
3. IWWC Budget - July through November 2025, as of November 30th
4. Memo from E. Couture, 12/2/25, re: Operating and Capital Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027; long-range planning

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, C. Plum moved, seconded by E. Pizzuto, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Lisk
Clerk