

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

**Regular Meeting #26-02
Emergency Operations Center**

February 10, 2026

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

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

Members excused: C. Reimers

Visitors: Rod Burgess, Christopher Lemery, Jerry Saville (speaking for Mike Berkun), Nils Vogth-Eriksen, Rob Voth-Eriksen

MINUTES

Terry Doyle moved, E. Pizzuto seconded, the approval of the minutes of the January 13, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

Timber Harvest: 58 & 64 Fire Tower Rd. Staging area to be located off Lover's Lane. Rod Burgess spoke

Rod Burgess, a Certified CT Forester presented as a representative for Scotland Hardwoods (A Rossi Company) plans for a selective timber harvest complete with a map of the area to be harvested and a detailed description of the timber harvest activities. Total area to be harvested was indicated to be 8.0 from the 15.5 acres site. It was stated that the area would not be clear-cut and that approximately 50% of the trees on the site would be cut. Presentation was detailed and was done in a professional manner.

Chairman Johnson stated that he visited the site and did not have any concerns.

Motion made by T. Doyle to approve this project; seconded by E. Pizzuto. Passed unanimously.

Notification of Timber Harvest Little City Rd. Presented by Christopher Lemery for the property located on Little City Road owned by Alex and Laural Wells. A Timber Harvest Map and a description of actions to be taken as well as the limits in which timber harvesting has been proposed. This map illustrates the location of inland wetlands, stream crossings as well as the location of the proposed skid trails and stream crossings. Mr. Lemery went on to explain that approximately that approximately 100,000 board feet of lumber and approximately 45 cords of wood had been anticipated to be harvested. He also explained that approximately 31.5 acres of the 39-acre site was included in the timber harvest map plan. Mr. Lemery also stated that stream crossings would be done with timber bridges in combination with "corduroy" dirt berms which would be hayed and seeded for erosion control.

After some discussion concerning the method of which the stream crossing would be conducted a motion for acceptance was made.

Motion made by E. Pizzuto to approve this project, seconded by T. Doyle. Passed unanimously.

Inland Wetlands officer report: possible new ordinances / fines for IWWC.

Cease & Desist Hearing: 167 River Rd. Jesus & Fresolina Villegas Trustees, owner, dumping excess amount of woodchips & possible other material within 100' setback and within wetlands.

It was stated that 2 registered cease and desist letters have been sent to the owner and yet an additional phone call had recently been made. It was also stated that approximately 1,000 cubic yards of wood chips had been deposited in inland wetlands and inland wetlands buffer zone (See attached picture). The landowner has not been responsive to any of the communications transpired by the land use office.

It was stated that our wetlands regulations have no provisions for levying a fine.

Chairman Johnson stated that he had reviewed surrounding town wetlands regulations and by and large they are very similar to ours.

Our zoning enforcement officer has brought this to the attention of the First Selectmen who is going to put in on the agenda of the next Board of Selectman's meeting as to a course of action regarding possible fines.

NEW BUSINESS

Eagle Scout Project on Land Conservation Trust Land on Roast Meat Hill Road, Nils Vogth-Eriksen

The parcel in question is located approximately 0.7 miles north of the Roast Meat Hill Road/Route 80 intersection and is a 27-acre site located on the west side of Roast Meat Hill Road and is owned by the First Congregational Church of Madison and is under the auspices of Killingworth Land Trust. There is a stream located near (approx. 100') from the western edge of the road. This stream is located within the upper reaches of the Menunketesuck River which is the main water source of the Kelsey Reservoir located on the Killingworth/Clinton border. It is not the stream in which a small wooden trail bridge (4' x 10') has been proposed. However, what has been proposed for the trail bridge is a drainage ditch located closer to the edge of Roast Meat Hill Road.

Nils Vogth-Eriksen as part of his Eagle Scout project has proposed to construct a wooden foot bridge that would span the small drainage ditch mentioned above.

Nils submitted detailed plans (9 pages) for the proposed foot bridge's super structure. Chris Plum questioned as to what the sub structure (foundation) would consist of. Chris suggested that the wood platform would need to be supported by perhaps concrete blocks. There were no other questions from the commission.

Chairman Johnson walked the site after the recent snowstorm and saw no concerns as the bridge will not be crossing the tributary stream to the Manunketesuck River.

Jack B. Coy farm (Michael Berkun), 275 Roast Meat Hill Rd. request to place an irrigation well.

Presentation made by Jerry Saville.

Jerry Saville (agent for Michael Berkun) is before this commission submitting an as of right use to install an irrigation well for purposes of watering flowering plants and is to be located at edge of designated Inland Wetlands on the grounds of the existing dwelling. He went on to explain that the well proposed would consist of a 4' diameter concrete well tile extending to a depth of approximately 15'. A submersible pump would be used to extract the water into a 2" PVC conveyance pipe which would ultimately serve the plant crop intended.

Mr. Saville was informed that he would have to apply for a well permit to accomplish this. It had been the hopes that the well pump would be powered by solar panels but this may not be possible due to the pressure head and quantity of water needed due to the limitations of the output of the solar pump. In other words, to accomplish the capacity needs a power line may have to be installed.

Motion made by T. Doyle and seconded by E. Pizzuto that the plan for an irrigation well is an "as of right" request, and the well can be dug after Health Department approval is received.

COMMUNICATIONS - none

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, T. Doyle moved, E. Pizzutto seconded, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Glenn Johnson

**PICTURE OF WOOD CHIP FILLING OF WETLANDS AND
WETLANDS BUFFER AT 167 RIVER ROAD**

