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

Meeting #26-7

Town Office Building

July 14, 2026

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

Members present: G. Johnson, E. Pizzuto, C. Plum, T. Doyle, C. Jacob, C. MacGonagle
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Members absent: C. Reimers

Visitors: Robert Garamella, Michael from Poolscape Pool & Spa (via video)

MINUTES

T. Doyle moved, seconded by E. Pizzuto, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2026 Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Possible update on establishing ordinance to fine applicants for assessment of fines for IWWC violations
Enforcement Officer L. Kieft-Robitaille reported that she has not heard anything from the Town Attorney or the First Selectman about this commission's request to establish an ordinance to assess fines for IWWC violations. Chairman G. Johnson will contact the First Selectman to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Rugalin (owner), Poolscape Pool and Spa (applicant) permit application (W-63) for inground pool at 38 Coughlin Road
Michael from Poolscape Pool & Spa joined the meeting via video. He informed commission members about the proposed 20'x40' pool construction. A new patio will be constructed using pavers. No fill will be needed on site. Members agreed that a site walk would not be necessary. A vote on the application is expected at the next IWWC meeting on August 11th.

Robert Garamella permit application (W-64) for closet/storage addition to existing house at 435 Route 148 (This application was submitted after the agenda had been submitted to the town clerk, but in time to be discussed at the meeting.) *T. Doyle moved, seconded by E. Pizzuto, to add this application to the agenda under New Business. The motion carried unanimously.*
Mr. Garamella attended the meeting and discussed his proposal to construct a 15'x26' closet/storage area to his house. The addition will be constructed on piers. Members agreed that a site walk is not necessary to review this project. Discussion and possible vote will be done at the August IWWC meeting.

CEASE & DESIST ORDER

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

A letter was sent to the property owner to ask that he attend this meeting to discuss the progress on the wood chips being removed from the site at 167 River Road. A neighbor has told the ZEO/WEO Enforcement Officer, L. Kieft-Robitaille, that the owners are just moving the chips around the property; they don't see a lot of the chips being removed. The movement of the chips may be putting them closer to the neighbor's property and closer to the stream. In April, the commission requested that a progress report be submitted to them, but nothing has been received as of this date. L. Kieft-Robitaille will contact the Town Attorney to inquire about the possibility of a lien being put on the property.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Substitute House Bill No. 5334, Public Act No. 26-61
2. IWWC Budget printout, July 2025-June 2026, dated July 1, 2026
3. IWWC Budget printout, July 2026-June 2027, dated July 1, 2026
4. Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity - Chris Rugalin
5. Site Plan for Rugalin property
6. Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity - Robert Garamella
7. Site map - Garamella
8. Copy of Connecticut River Area Health District B-100a: Application (for R. Garamella)

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, C. Plum moved, seconded by T. Doyle, to adjourn the meeting at 7:29. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Lisk
Clerk