

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

Meeting #26-8

Town Office Building

August 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glenn Johnson at 6:59 pm.

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

Members absent: No members were absent

Visitors: Per Hellsund, Joseph Agro, Alan Dallas, Tim Greene, Beth Abbott, Jason Nemergut,
Roger Nemergut

MINUTES

T. Doyle moved, seconded by C. Plum, to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2026 Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Chris Rugalin (owner), Poolscape Pool and Spa (applicant) permit application (W-63) for in-ground pool at 38 Coughlin Road

Members discussed whether to approve a permit for the pool only, or the pool and surrounding landscaping as shown on the submitted plan. No negative wetlands impact is anticipated by this activity.

T. Doyle moved, seconded by C. Plum, to approve the application for the in-ground pool and the surrounding landscaping. The motion carried unanimously.

Robert Garamella permit application (W-64) for closet/storage addition to existing house at 435 Route 148

Members do not anticipate any negative wetlands impact by approving a permit for an addition.

C. Plum moved, seconded by T. Doyle, to approve the application, as submitted, for an addition to the existing house. The motion carried unanimously.

Update on establishing ordinance to fine applicants for assessment of fines for IWWC violations

Chairman Johnson notified commission members that he spoke to First Selectman Eric Couture about the ordinance. Mr. Couture said the Town Attorney is working on an ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

Hammonasset Fishing Association permit application (W-65) for maintenance dredging of existing fishing pool on the Hammonasset River - County Road, Map 7, Lot 5

Professional Engineer Roger Nemergut and members of the Hammonasset Fishing Association presented the proposal for maintenance dredging of one of the many fishing pools on the property that has been silted in over the years. The first pool that they would like to dredge has the easiest access for the clean-out process. Approximately 700 yards of material would be removed and dried out on an upland, flat grassy area. Mr. Nemergut explained in detail the two types of methods that are being considered for the project - the long-reach excavator method, and the suction dredge method. All of the excavation activity will take place on the Killingworth side of the river. The Association members agreed that they are not enlarging the pool; they just want to restore it to its original condition. Commission members will conduct a site walk on Tuesday, August 18th, at 3:00 pm. They will meet at the clubhouse at 605 County Road in Madison.

Tim Greene/Beth Abbott permit application (W-66) for construction of an addition to existing house - 117 Schnoor Road

Mr. Greene and Ms. Abbott attended the meeting to discuss the proposed addition. The wetlands on the property have been flagged by a Soil Scientist. The addition, which will be on piers, not a full foundation, will be connected to the main house by a hallway. After reviewing the plan, members agreed that a site walk will not be necessary. A vote on the application is expected at the September 8th 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

Another certified letter was sent by Enforcement Officer Linda Kieft-Robitaille to the property owner to ask that he or his wife attend this meeting to discuss the progress on the remediation plan of removing the wood chips from his property. There was no written or oral response to the letter and the property owners did not appear at tonight's meeting. The Enforcement Officer is looking into legal avenues to resolve the non-response of the property owner.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity - Beth Abbott/Tim Greene
2. Wetlands Sketch Map, 117 Schnoor Road (Abbott/Greene property)
3. Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity - Hammonasset Fishing Association
4. Copy of letter from Roger Nemergut, P.E. to Environmental Planning Dept. at Regional Water Authority, New Haven, CT. dated 8/4/26, re: Hammonasset Fishing Association
5. Copy of letter from Roger Nemergut, P.E. to Town of Madison, 8/4/26, re: Hammonasset Fishing Association
6. Site Plan and Erosion & Sediment Control Plan Maintenance Dredging Project - Hammonasset River, dated 7/28/26, consisting of two pages

ADJOURNMENT

*With no other business to discuss, T. Doyle moved, seconded by C. Plum, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm.
The motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Lisk
Clerk