

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

**Regular Meeting  
#14-8**

**August 12, 2014**

Secretary/Treasurer Eric Auer called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Members present:** G. Rockwell (arrived at 7:18), D. Cronin, E. Auer, G. Johnson, C. Reimers  
Enforcement Officer C. Jefferson was also present.

**Members absent:** T. Doyle

**Visitors:** Engineer Jason Nemergut, Engineer Robert Doane, Jr., John Bagnoli, Don Venuti

**Minutes:** The minutes of the July 8, 2014 Regular Meeting were approved by a consensus of the members.

**Enforcement Officer's Report:** Cathie Jefferson reported on the following:

- 1) A list of July building permits issued was distributed to the members.
- 2) A letter from Keith Bishop, dated August 11<sup>th</sup>, was received. This item was added to the agenda under "New Business".

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. M. Stehney permit application for pond construction – 67 Hemlock Drive**

A site walk was conducted on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Concerns expressed at the site walk led to a slight adjustment of the access road. A revised plan was submitted at tonight's meeting. Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor Robert Doane, Jr. stated that he and his client would have no problem restricting the use of fertilizer near the pond and noted that there was a vegetative buffer between the lawn and the pond. An adjacent property owner questioned the impact of the pond construction on the possibility of increased mosquito population. Mr. Doane replied that the pond would create a better environment for mosquito predators and anticipated no increase in mosquitoes. *A motion was made by G. Johnson and seconded by D. Cronin to approve the application as discussed and shown on the revised plan. The motion carried.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. J. & C. Bagnoli permit application for grading, seeding, mulching – 204 Roast Meat Hill Road**

Professional Engineer Jason Nemergut presented a plan for top dressing and regrading an area of land that is in an upland review zone. The plan is to have a couple of dump truck loads of topsoil delivered to begin establishing a lawn. There is now bare ground at that site which shows some erosion. There is a well established buffer area next to the proposed lawn site. Commission members will inspect the area on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m.

**B. Notification of submittal of application to the State of CT DEEP for a general permit for Water Resource Construction Activities – State Project No. 69-78 Replacement of Bridge No. 02498, Route 81 over District Brook**

Notification was received with information about a bridge replacement over District Brook on Route 81. The work is scheduled for Spring through Fall of 2015.

**C. US Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice – Killingworth Cranberries, LLC, c/o Keith B. Bishop, proposed work in Pond Meadow Brook at Pond Meadow Road**

Chairman Rockwell sent the following response to the Army Corps of Engineers during the State's three-week comment period on this file number: "The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission of the Town of Killingworth, CT reviewed the proposal from Killingworth Cranberries to rework a portion of the Pond Meadow Road Swamp for the purpose of operating a modern cranberry producing facility. The Commission felt that this was an as-of-right farming activity which would restore an historically valuable and commercially successful cranberry bog. The Commission felt that there was no danger of downstream pollution or significant reduction of down-stream water flow, and that no endangered species would suffer harm."

**D. Letter from Keith B. Bishop re: Killingworth Cranberries, LLC – 155 Pond Meadow Road**

Enforcement Officer C. Jefferson initiated discussion of this topic under her Enforcement Officer's Report but members agreed that it should be discussed under New Business. A letter from Keith B. Bishop, dated August 11, 2014, was submitted to the commission to request permission to remove a recently built beaver dam at 155 Pond Meadow Road. Mr. Bishop stated that the DEEP has given him permission to trap the beavers at that location. Mr. Bishop would like to remove the dam that is "pushing water into the cranberry bog drainage ditches and is now holding back about 18 to 24" of the brook level and has decreased the flow of the brook". Removal is required, according to Mr. Bishop, "so back up from the dam that is pushing water into the cranberry bog drainage ditches will not allow beavers to do further damage and cause erosion or washout of the bog berms". The dam will be removed by hand and will take approximately 2-3 weeks. Because no power equipment will be used, members anticipate no risk of sedimentation or pollution and no significant potential of injury to nearby wetlands and watercourses. Members agreed that this is an as-of-right activity that is essential to maintain the sluiceway and clear out the beaver dam.

**E. F. Lulaj permit application for expanded parking area – 163 Route 81 (added to the agenda by vote of the members present)**

*E. Auer moved, seconded by C. Reimers, to add this item to the agenda under New Business. The motion carried unanimously.* Don Venuti spoke to the commission members about an application to amend an existing permit for regulated items including the parking lot for a new restaurant on Route 81. The property owner would like to add approximately 24 parking spaces to the existing parking area. Mr. Venuti stated there would be minimal excavation on the site as topsoil will be removed and gravel put in its place. The parking area will not be paved. Commission members and Mr. Venuti discussed the design of the proposed spaces as shown on the sketch submitted with the application. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

**F. Communications**

1. Certified Mail return receipts from the Bagnoli application
2. Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity – John D. & Catherine Bagnoli
3. Site Plan & Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, dated 6/30/14 – John Bagnoli
4. Packet of information from the State of CT Dept. of Transportation, dated 6/9/14, re: Notification of Submittal of Application to the State of CT, DEEP for a General Permit for Water Resource Construction Activities, State Project No. 69-78, Replacement of Bridge No. 02498, Route 81 over District Brook, Town of Killingworth.
5. Minutes from P&Z Commission meeting on July 15, 2014
6. IWWC Budget printout – July 2013-July 2014
7. IWWC Budget printout – July 2014-July 2015

**Communications (continued)**

8. Letter from Lucia Chiocchio, Cuddy & Feder, 7/24/14, re: proposed wireless telecommunications tower facility on Spencer Hill Road
9. Improvement Location Plan prepared for Maura McQueeny & Michael Stehney, 67 Hemlock Drive
10. Site Plan & Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, revised 8/11/14 – John D. & Catherine Bagnoli
11. Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity – Frasher Lulaj
12. 15-Day Notice Public Notice from the US Army Corps of Engineers re: permit application from Killingworth Cranberries, LLC c/o Keith B. Bishop
13. Copy of response to Public Notice from IWWC Commission, dated August 1, 2014
14. Letter from Keith B. Bishop, dated August 11, 2014, re: Map 9-03, 155 Pond Meadow Road Killingworth Cranberries, LLC

**G. Requests for Review**

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. to Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. at 204 Roast Meat Hill Road.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk