

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

**Regular Meeting
#16-10**

October 11, 2016

Chairwoman Carolyn Reimers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: C. Reimers, G. Johnson, T. Doyle, E. Pizzuto, C. Plum
Enforcement Officer C. Jefferson was also present.

Members absent: E. Auer, D. Adametz

Visitors: Charles Morgan, Jr., Jason Nemergut, P.E., Michael Harkin, P.E., Tom Hogarty

Minutes: The minutes of the August 9, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved by a consensus of the members.

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

1. The August and September Building Permit lists were distributed to members.
2. She informed commission members that the piles of material on the Berkun property on Roast Meat Hill Road are still there. Mr. Berkun had told the commission at previous IWWC meetings that the piles would be removed. There was a consensus of the members that Mr. Berkun should be told to remove the material as he had stated he would. Cathie will send a letter to Mr. Berkun.
3. She discussed the new FCC regulations to streamline the process for installing cell phone towers. Concerns were expressed about there being possible wetland impact on property if new towers are installed without local input.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Notice of Violation sent to C. Morgan - 116 Roast Meat Hill Road

Professional Engineer Michael Harkin presented himself as an independent third party to discuss the Notice of Violation that had been sent to Mr. Morgan and the drainage problem on Roast Meat Hill Road. He told the commission that fixing the silted-in driveway pipe on the Morgan property will not fix the drainage problem on the road. He noted that there is the same volume of water going into the culvert, but because of the drainage that was installed on property north of the Morgans', the water is just getting there faster.

Mr. Harkin said he has not been able to observe the area under a heavy rainfall because we haven't had one in a while. There is a low spot on the road in front of the Morgan driveway which will not change when the driveway culvert is fixed. Several years ago, the Nathan Jacobsen firm had a plan to work on the road drainage in that area. No work was done, however, because one of the homeowners in the area would not grant an easement to the Town. Mr. Harkin will check with that homeowner to see if there has been a change.

Mr. Harkin has a Plan A, which is fixing the driveway culvert, and a Plan B, which is to look into the road drainage. Members agreed that the issue in front of this commission now is resolving the Notice of Violation. Members agreed that a memo should be sent to the Town suggesting their representatives meet with Mr. Harkin and discuss the road drainage problems, because Mr. Harkin has done recent research and work on the problems in that area. The Town had offered to pay for the culvert work to be done on the Morgan property, but Mr. Morgan stated that he would pay for the work. *T. Doyle moved, seconded by G. Johnson, to authorize Charles Morgan, Jr. to fix the culvert in his driveway at 116 Roast Meat Hill Road. The motion carried unanimously.*

NEW BUSINESS**A. E. Auer/E. Barnum Application for Permit for road and driveway in connection with a proposed 2-lot subdivision - 11 Burr Hill Road**

Professional Engineer Jason Nemergut discussed a proposed two-lot subdivision on a 9.2 acre parcel on Burr Hill Road. Lot 1 has the existing house and is 3.9 acres; Lot 2 is 4.73 acres. A subdivision road and driveway are proposed to access the lots. No regulated activities will take place in the wetlands, but in the upland review area. The existing barns on Lot 2 will be removed. Members will inspect the site on Saturday, October 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

B. T. Hogarty Application for Review (fill in old test-pits) - 25 Madison Hollow

Tom Hogarty attended the meeting to discuss his request to fill in two test pits on his property. The test pits have been open for decades and, according to Mr. Hogarty, they have become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Enforcement Officer C. Jefferson has looked at the test pits and wants the commission to possibly look at them and decide if this is a regulated activity or a maintenance activity. Mr. Hogarty will have some equipment brought in to fill in the pits. Members agreed that the test pits should have been taken care of when the subdivision was approved and lots were sold. *After discussion, T. Doyle moved, seconded by G. Johnson, to treat the filling in of test pits to be a maintenance activity. No site walk will be done and no permit is required. The motion carried unanimously.*

C. J. Fitzgerald request for pond clean-out - 172 Roast Meat Hill Road

Professional Engineer Jason Nemergut presented information on a request to clean out a pond on the corner of Roast Meat Hill Road and Stevens Road. The property owner would like to clean out the pond at this time and submit an application at a later date to install a liner in the 200' x 60' pond. The water level of the pond corresponds to the water table in the area and the property owner is anticipating that a liner will keep the water level of the pond higher. The material removed from the pond will be stockpiled and drained and then hauled off the property. Members will conduct a site walk on Saturday, October 22nd, at approximately 10:00 a.m. (or right after a site walk at 11 Burr Hill Road).

D. New commission member

Chris Plum has been sworn in as the newest member of the commission.

E. Communications

1. IWWC Budget printout as of September 2, 2016
2. Building permit list - August 2016
3. Building permit list - September 2016
4. CT Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions, Inc. information, including membership renewal form
5. Memorandum from Town Clerk, 10/1/16, re: 2017 Meeting Schedules
6. Minutes of Killingworth Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting on August 2, 2016
7. Minutes of Killingworth Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting on September 6, 2016
8. Minutes of Killingworth Planning & Zoning Commission Regular Meeting on September 20, 2016
9. Copy of letter from Cathie Jefferson, WEO, to Attorney John Bennet, 9/9/16, re: Krahn concerns
10. Application for Wetlands Review - Tom Hogarty
11. Application to Conduct a Regulated Activity - Eric Auer/Evelyn Barnum
12. Subdivision of Land of Auer Site Development & Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, dated 9/1/16, 2 sheets

F. 2017 IWWC Meeting Schedule

There was a consensus of the members to have the commission meetings continue to be held on the second Tuesday of each month. A schedule will be approved at the next meeting and submitted to the Town Clerk.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Lisk,
Clerk