

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

**Regular Meeting
#16-12**

December 13, 2016

Chairwoman Carolyn Reimers called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Members absent: E. Auer

Visitors: Charles Morgan, Jr., Paul Jacobs, Howard Pfrommer

Minutes: The minutes of the November 8, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved by a consensus of the members.

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

1. There was just one building permit issued in November.
2. She has not yet had a response from Michael Berkun since a letter was sent to him about removing the piles of gravel on the Berkun property on Roast Meat Hill Road.
3. She provided the information on the beaver dam issue at 133 Route 80.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Town of Killingworth and James & Yolanda Cookson permit application for activities related to Alders Bridge Road Reconstruction - Phase 2

There was no additional discussion of this application which was submitted at the November meeting.
T. Doyle moved, seconded by G. Johnson, to approve the project as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

B. 116 Roast Meat Hill Road - follow-up

There was a lengthy discussion between the commission members, Professional Engineer Howard Pfrommer, and Charles Morgan, Jr. about the culvert that that was replaced at 116 Roast Meat Hill Road as a result of the response to a Notice of Violation issued to Mr. Morgan. Mr. Pfrommer (from Nathan Jacobson & Associates) looked at the drainage issue last week in that area. He reviewed his findings with the commission, as well as a history of the drainage problems, and photos of the area.

The culvert was not replaced properly and needs to be re-done. Mr. Morgan discussed his views on the drainage on his property and on Roast Meat Hill Road. He feels that the drainage issue has changed since work was done at the Milano property, north of his property, and fixing the culvert in his driveway will not help the drainage problem on the road. Cathie Jefferson said the Notice of Violation was issued so the culvert was fixed so that the water flowed to the wetlands on his property like it used to. This commission is charged with protecting the wetlands and doing what they can to make sure they don't dry up. Fixing the culvert properly should help restore the water flow to what it was before the broken culvert.

Members agreed that having the topographical information on that section of Roast Meat Hill Road would be beneficial in order to make a recommendation to the Town about the drainage situation. Mr. Pfrommer and the commission thought the Morgan driveway drainage issue and the Roast Meat Hill Road drainage issue should be addressed at the same time, and not addressed in a piecemeal fashion. *T. Doyle moved, seconded by G. Johnson, for this commission to make an official request to the Town to do a topographical survey of the area of Roast Meat Hill Road around #116 in order for the commission to make a recommendation to the Town as to what needs to be corrected in that area. The motion carried unanimously.* The commission will notify Mr. Morgan when they receive information from the Town about what they have planned for the area.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 133 Route 80 - beaver dam in Menunketesuck River

Cathie Jefferson had received information about a beaver dam in the river near 133 Route 80. A representative from the CT Water Company was going to attend this meeting to address the situation but Cathie received an email from Cindy Gaudino from the Water Company who wrote that "their engineer inspected the dam and he believes at this time it is not necessary to breach it. It is not a very substantial dam and he believes it is not impeding flow as there is water flowing through the dam and it is not causing any flooding issues. We will continue to monitor the dam and if we see it is starting to create an issue I will contact you. We still plan to trap the beavers to prevent them from making the dam any larger."

B. Parmelee Farm (owner), Christopher Sacchi (applicant) permit application to replace footbridge and replace invasive species with native species at Parmelee Farm - 465 Route 81

Commission member Terry Doyle reported to the members that Christopher Sacchi made a presentation to the Parmelee Farm committee about a proposed Eagle Scout project to replace an existing footbridge at Parmelee Farm. He will also take out some of the invasive plant species in the area of the bridge and replace them with native plants. The new footbridge will be wide enough to allow a golf cart to travel over it and it will have railings on both sides. It will be approximately 15 feet long. Some fill will be needed for the bridge placement. T. Doyle asked the commission if this project will need a permit or may be considered to be an as-of-right activity at Parmelee Farm. There was a consensus that it is an as-of-right activity and no permit is necessary.

C. Communications

1. IWWC Budget print-out for FY 2016-2017, as of 12/5
Members discussed an item listed on the print-out. A \$1580.00 invoice from P.E. Michael Harkin was listed as an expense of the commission. Members approved the payment from the budget even though that budgeted line-item has been exceeded.
2. Application to conduct a regulated activity - Parmelee Farm (owner), Christopher Sacchi (applicant)
3. Sketches of proposed footbridge at Parmelee Farm
4. Photos of existing footbridge at Parmelee Farm that will be replaced
5. Copy of letter from WEO Cathie Jefferson to Michael Berkun, 11/10/16, re: approved mediation plan on Berkun property on Roast Meat Hill Road
6. Copies of emails between WEO Cathie Jefferson and Cindy Gaudino of the CT Water Company, re: beaver dam

D. 2017 IWWC Meeting Schedule

T. Doyle made a motion to approve the 2017 meeting schedule for meetings to be held on the second Tuesday of each month.

G. Johnson seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:12p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Lisk,
Clerk