



MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
February 3, 2026
7:00 PM - Town Hall-Council Chambers
820 Enfield St, Enfield, CT
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dfd0wzLezEI>

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Zorda called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Fire evacuation announcement was made.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Dylan Bridge, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud, Christopher Latocki, Anne Whitney Collins (via Teams)

Absent: Donna Corbin Sobinski, Robert Gillespie

Also Stephen Hiney; Assistant Town Planner and Rebecca Jones; Recording

Present: Secretary

Commissioner Renaud was seated as a voting member.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND PETITIONS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. January 20, 2026

MOTION by: Kelly Hemmeler **seconded:** Virginia Higley to approve the January 20, 2026 meeting minutes.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Virginia Higley, Kelly Hemmeler, Christopher Renaud, Kenneth Kaufman No: None Abstain: Kevin Zorda, Dylan Bridge, Anne Whitney Collins.

7. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

A. January 27, 2026

The January 27, 2026 Town Attorney report was received.

8. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. **IW# 723 – 226 Brainard Rd** - Application for a Map Amendment to remove the wetland delineation on the property; William & Carolyn Herbert, Applicant/Owner; Map 62/Lot18: R-33 Property owners, Carolyn and William Herbert were present for discussion.

MOTION by: Kelly Hemmeler **seconded:** Virginia Higley to open the public hearing.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Dylan Bridge, Anne Whitney Collins, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud No: None Abstain: None.

Property owners, Carolyn and William Herbert were present for discussion along with William Jackson, soil scientist. This is an application for a map amendment to the Town of Enfield Inlands, Wetlands and Watercourses Map for the property located at 226 Brainard Road. The Town's Wetlands Map shows one wetlands area on the parcel located in the center of the property and crosses the western and southern boundaries. Mr. Jackson completed site testing and shared excerpts from his staff report. The wetland soils consist of Udorthents soils, which consist of sandy-loam soils, consistent with Windsor Urban Land Complex. These soils are classified as excessively drained and follow typical soils in suburban land development.

A November 24, 2025 Wetland Map, 226 Brainard Road, provided by Eversource Energy shows delineated wetlands within the electric utility's easement south of 226 Brainard Road. There are no wetlands areas shown within 100-feet of the 226 Brainard Road Property.

The public hearing was opened for public comment. No one spoke for or against this application. Commissioner Higley confirmed with Town staff that the official Wetlands map will be changed to reflect this change. Mr. Hiney shared excerpts from his staff report. Mr. Jackson asked clarifying questions related to the revised site plan. The Town will need a revised site plan that shows the removal of previously marked wetlands.

MOTION by: Kelly Hemmeler **seconded:** Virginia Higley to close the public hearing.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Dylan Bridge, Anne Whitney Collins, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud No: None Abstain: None.

MOTION by: Kelly Hemmeler **seconded:** Virginia Higley to approve IW #723 - 226 Brainard

Road - Application for a Map Amendment to remove the wetland delineation on the property. **UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE**, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Dylan Bridge, Anne Whitney Collins, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud No: None Abstain: None.

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. IW# 724 - 173 Moody Road - Application for Wetlands Permit to Demolish Five Buildings Within the Upland Review Area; Toro Credit Company, Applicant/Owner; Map 93, Lot 12; I-1 Zone

Timothy Coone, J.R. Russo and Associates, was present on behalf of the applicant. This is an application for a Wetlands Permit to demolish five buildings within the Upland Review Area. Buildings will first be knocked down in-place and then loaded directly into dumpsters using excavators. Upon the dumpster being filled, it will be removed from the site. The equipment used for demolition and loading will be stored on the existing gravel areas. The entire job is anticipated to be completed within one week.

Erosion and sediment control measures were discussed. The applicant is proposing to use a silt fence along the perimeter of the work, sat between the wetland soils and watercourses and the proposed buildings to demolish. A construction entrance pad will be placed at the driveway entrance to help reduce the amount of soil leaving the property. The area will be seeded with a grass mix after construction.

Commissioner Higley asked when the applicant is planning to begin work. Serge Lessard, builder, stated that they are aiming to begin in the spring. Commissioner Hemmeler confirmed that only clean fill will be used. Mr. Hiney shared excerpts from his staff report. Commissioner Higley asked about potential contaminants. The applicant will contact the Building Department if any contaminants are found.

MOTION by: Kelly Hemmeler **seconded:** Virginia Higley to approve IW #714 - 173 Moody Road with site-specific conditions.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Dylan Bridge, Anne Whitney Collins, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud No: None Abstain: None.

12. ENFORCEMENT REPORTS

A. 50 Steele Road - Cease & Desist

Mr. Hiney completed a site visit and shared photos with the Commission. The homeowner is now in possession of the tree medallions and will install them where requested. Mr. Hiney recommended closing the Cease and Desist order and will complete one more site visit to confirm the medallions are in place. Commissioner Zorda asked about a dying tree seen in the photos and confirmed with Mr. Hiney that it is safe.

MOTION by: Kelly Hemmeler **seconded:** Virginia Higley to close the Cease and Desist order for 50 Steele Road.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Dylan Bridge, Anne Whitney Collins, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud No: None Abstain: None.

13. PLANNING STAFF REPORT

The Connecticut Association of Wetlands Scientists will have their annual meeting on March 4, 2026. Interested commissioners should contact Donna Richer in the Planning office.

14. APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED

15. MISCELLANEOUS

The commissioners are having issues with their iPads.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Christopher Renaud, **seconded:** Virginia Higley to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Higley
Secretary

Rebecca Jones
Recording Secretary