



**MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
February 17, 2026
7:00 PM - Town Hall-Scitico Room
820 Enfield St, Enfield, CT**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Corbin-Sobinski called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Fire evacuation announcement was made.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Donna Corbin Sobinski, Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Dylan Bridge, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud, Robert Gillespie, Christopher Latocki

Absent: Anne Whitney Collins

Also Ricardo Rachele; Zoning Enforcement Officer and Stephen Hiney; Assistant

Present: Town Planner

Chair Corbin-Sobinski seated Commissioner Latocki as a voting member.

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND PETITIONS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

An email was sent to the Commissioners from Attorney Cerrato regarding enforcement regulations. An email was received about a conference to be held on March 4, 2026.

6. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. February 3, 2026

MOTION by: Kevin Zorda **seconded:** Dylan Bridge to approve the February 3, 2026 meeting minutes.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Dylan Bridge, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Latocki No: None Abstain: Robert Gillespie, Donna Corbin Sobinski.

B. February 3, 2026 - Special Meeting

MOTION by: Kevin Zorda **seconded:** Kenneth Kaufman to approve the February 3, 2026 Special Meeting minutes.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Virginia Higley,

Dylan Bridge, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Latocki No: None Abstain:
Donna Corbin Sobinski, Kevin Zorda, Robert Gillespie.

7. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

8. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. ENFORCEMENT REPORTS

A. Vote from Joint Executive Session held on February 3, 2026 at 6:00pm

Docket NO. LND_HHD_CV19-6118659-S

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency of the Town of Enfield, Town of Enfield and Ricardo Rachele v. Joseph C. Liguore and Liguore Sand and Gravel, LLC

MOTION by: Kelly Hemmeler **seconded:** Kevin Zorda to approve the settlement.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Donna Corbin Sobinski, Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Dylan Bridge, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Robert Gillespie, Christopher Latocki No: None Abstain: None.

B. Cease & Desist - Post Office Rd ROW

A complaint was received by Planning staff on February 12, 2026 regarding excavation activity on the north side of Post Office Road and across from 92 Post Office Road. Staff were aware from the past that at one point, the water service on the north side of the street would need to be extended to provide water service to 92 Post Office Road. At the time of the complaint, it was unknown who was actually conducting the activity. There did not appear to be any erosion & sediment control measures in place in the area of activity.

According to the GIS mapping system, the area of this activity was either in possible wetlands or in very close proximity, which would have vein in the upland review area. However, the extension of the water line was previously noted in the subdivision approved site plans for this area (PH #2565). On February 13, 2026, Mr. Rachele contacted Assistant Town Engineer John Cabibbo, who verified that an excavation permit had been issued in December 2025, to Reinhard von Hollander of Heron Homes, LLC for excavation in the Right-Of-Way on the north side of Post Office Road. A copy of the permit along with

comments from Mr. Cabibbo was included for Commission review.

Mr. Rachele contacted Hazardville Water Company, who reported that the water company had an agreement with Mr. von Hollander that he would install and extend the water service to the north, and they agreed to allow him to then connect the service to supply water to 92 Post Office Road on the south side of the road. Once it was determined that the water company was not involved in the excavation activity, an email was sent to the developer of 92 Post Office Road advising him to cease any further activity at this site and that a formal Cease and Desist order would be issued. He was also advised to install erosion and sediment control measures in the area of activity.

Mr. von Hollander was not present for discussion. Mr. Rachele recommended that the Commission leave this Notice of Violation open until Mr. von Hollander can attend a meeting to address this violation. A wetlands application has been submitted for this project, although the work has already taken place. Chair Corbin-Sobinski noted that erosion and sediment control measures are now installed on the site. The Commission discussed next best steps. It was noted that the expiration date for the excavation permit was December 31, 2025. Mr. Rachele will follow up with the Engineering Department.

MOTION by: Kevin Zorda **seconded:** Kelly Hemmeler to uphold the Cease and Desist order for 92 Post Office Road.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Donna Corbin Sobinski, Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Dylan Bridge, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Robert Gillespie, Christopher Latocki No: None Abstain: None.

13. PLANNING STAFF REPORT

The Connecticut Association of Wetlands Scientists will hold their annual meeting on March 4, 2026 at the Aquaturf. There is funding available for five commissioners to attend. Commissioner Kaufman asked if there is a possibility for this Commission's budget to increase to fund more training opportunities. Commissioner Zorda recommended training offered through UConn's CLEAR program. Many commissioners are experiencing issues with their Town-issued iPads. Mr. Hiney directed the Commissioners to contact the Town's I/T Department for an appointment.

14. APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED

A. **IW# 725 – 100 & 85 Bright Meadow Blvd.** – Application for a Wetlands Permit to Subdivide Subject Properties into 9 Lots; 100 Bright Meadow Associates LLC, Applicant/ Owner; Map 25/Lots 220 & 44; SDD Zone

MOTION by: Kevin Zorda **seconded:** Kenneth Kaufman to require a public hearing for IW# 725 - 100 & 85 Bright Meadow Blvd.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Donna Corbin Sobinski, Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Dylan Bridge, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Robert Gillespie, Christopher Latocki No: None Abstain: None.

B. IW# 726 – Post Office Rd ROW Across From 92 Post Office Rd – Application for Wetlands Permit for Excavation within Upland Review Area for Water Service at 92 Post Office Rd; Heron Homes, LLC, Applicant; I-1 Zone

Chair Corbin-Sobinski stated that this application has not been received by the Commission. State statute requires that all applications be received, regardless of completeness.

15. MISCELLANEOUS

Chair Corbin-Sobinski requested an update related to the Commissioners' badges. She shared her own list of open Enforcement Reports and requested that Town staff review it at their convenience. There was discussion surrounding previous requests made by the Commission related to the property located at 92 Post Office Road. Mr. Rachele shared information about temporary injunctions.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Virginia Higley, **seconded:** Kenneth Kaufman to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Higley
Secretary

Rebecca Jones
Recording Secretary