



MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
July 7, 2026
6:00 PM - Town Hall-Council Chambers
820 Enfield St, Enfield, CT
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xH_gh-qHRiE

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 information was provided.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Donna Corbin Sobinski, Anne Collins (via Teams), Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud, Christopher Latocki

Absent: Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Robert Gillespie Jr

Aslo Jeffrey Arigoni; Wetlands Agent and Rebecca Jones, Recording Secretary
Present:

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

4. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND PETITIONS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. June 16, 2026

MOTION by: Kenneth Kaufman **seconded:** Kelly Hemmeler to approve the June 16, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Donna Corbin Sobinski, Anne Collins, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud, Christopher Latocki No: None Abstain: None.

7. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

A. June 30, 2026

Town Attorney Report was received.

8. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. OLD BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. **IW# 729 - 10 Wheeler Dr** - Application for a Wetlands Permit to replace retaining wall within Upland Review Area; Dan Smith, Applicant/Owner, Map 80/Lot 165; R-33/LFOD Zone Russell DeGenza was present on behalf of the applicant. The background of this application stems from a previous wetlands permit granted to the owner at 10 Wheeler Drive at the January 2, 2024 Regular Meeting for the installation of a side yard retaining wall and deck within the Upland Review Area. However, a Cease and Desist Order was issued later that year on November 4, 2024 after the property owner conducted excavation work and the installation of a second retaining wall along the waterline of Shaker Pond without a permit. The property owner claims he was unaware that a permit was required for this activity, as there was an existing wall in the same location. According to the owner, this original wall was old and decrepit, and if it were to fail completely, the shoreline of the lake could have been in jeopardy. Therefore, it was dismantled and disposed of, and construction of the new wall commenced. The owner would now like to obtain a Wetlands Permit in order to continue work on the partially completed shoreline retaining wall. Chair Corbin-Sobinski confirmed that the E&S controls are in place. Commissioner Hemmeler asked clarifying questions related to site-specific conditions.

MOTION by: Kelly Hemmeler **seconded:** Kenneth Kaufman to **approve IW# 729 - 10 Wheeler Drive** with the following site-specific condition: Top soil will be allowed for planting grass and softscaping.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Donna Corbin Sobinski, Anne Collins, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud, Christopher Latocki No: None Abstain: None.

MOTION by: Kelly Hemmeler **seconded:** Christopher Renaud to **lift the Cease-and-Desist for 10 Wheeler Drive**.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Donna Corbin Sobinski, Anne Collins, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud, Christopher Latocki No: None Abstain: None.

12. ENFORCEMENT REPORTS

A. Cease & Desist - 174 Shaker Road

Zoning Enforcement Officer Rick Rachele completed a site visit before the meeting and confirmed that the containers have been removed but the mulch piles remain. Commissioner Hemmeler suggesting tabling this item to the next meeting as the property owner reported medical issues.

MOTION by: Kelly Hemmeler **seconded:** Christopher Renaud **to continue this item to the July 21, 2026 regular meeting.**

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Donna Corbin Sobinski, Anne Collins, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud, Christopher Latocki No: None Abstain: None.

B. Notice of Violation - 8 Pilgrim Circle

Mr. Arigoni stated that the Planning Office received a complaint that there are dumped wood pallets, brush, grass and other debris piles within the regulated area on the property. Photos were shared. The property owners were not present for discussion.

MOTION by: Kelly Hemmeler **seconded:** Christopher Latocki to turn this Notice of Violation for 8 Pilgrim Circle to a Cease-and-Desist Order.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Donna Corbin Sobinski, Anne Collins, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud, Christopher Latocki No: None Abstain: None.

13. PLANNING STAFF REPORT

A. CT DEEP Pesticide Use Notification

The CT DEEP has notified the Enfield Planning and Zoning Department and the Enfield Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency that they have issued a 3-year permit for the use of aquatic pesticides in Filossie Pond in Enfield. Multi-year permits such as this one are issued at CT DEEP's discretion. CT DEEP has not previously issued an Aquatic Pesticide Permit for this site. The site is a 0.2 acre pond with an average depth of 4 ft (Filossie Pond). The pond is not located within a coastal area, a natural diversity database area, or a public water supply watershed. It is located within an Aquifer Protection Area. The State of CT does not own any portion of the area to be treated. Filossie Pond has no public access, no state-owned boat launch, and no state-stocked fish.

14. APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED

MOTION by: Kenneth Kaufman **seconded:** Kelly Hemmeler to add the following as Item D under 'Applications to be Received': XAA-2602 - Town-wide municipal drainage system.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Donna Corbin

Sobinski, Anne Collins, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud, Christopher Latocki No: None Abstain: None.

A. **IW# 730 - 64 Palomba Dr-Unit 01** - Application for a Wetlands Permit for construction of a permeable paver parking lot, driveway, and reconstruction of existing parking lot for vehicle storage within the Upland Review Area; Gale Toyota, Applicant; Michael Green, Owner, Map 56/Lot 18; BR Zone

B. **IW# 731 - 35 Crescent Beach Dr** - Application for a Wetlands Permit to construct a home addition with a garage and front porch within Upland Review Area; James Patsun, Applicant; Julie Piller, Owner, Map 98/Lot 3; R-33/LFOD Zone

C. **IW# 732 – 13 Hillyer Drive** - Application for a Wetlands Permit to construct a home, barn, farmstand, and associated improvements within the Upland Review Area; Thomas Brocuglio, Applicant/Owner, Map 18/Lot 277; R-33 Zone

15. MISCELLANEOUS

None.

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Kenneth Kaufman, seconded: Kelly Hemmeler to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the motion adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:19pm

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Higley

Secretary

Rebecca Jones

Recording Secretary