



MINUTES
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING
September 1, 2026
7:00 PM - Town Hall-Council Chambers
820 Enfield St, Enfield, CT
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UtRVJmSolnA>

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, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud, Robert Gillespie Jr, Christopher Latocki

Absent: Anne Collins

Also present was Jeffrey Arigoni, Wetlands Agent and Rebecca Jones, Recording Secretary.

Commissioner Gillespie was seated as a voting member.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION by: Kelly Hemmeler seconded: Kevin Zorda to nominate Donna Corbin Sobinski as Chair.

MOTION by: Virginia Higley seconded: Kelly Hemmeler to close nominations.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion to close nominations approved. Yes: Donna Corbin Sobinski, Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud, Robert Gillespie Jr No: None Abstain: None

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion to nominate Donna Corbin Sobinski as Chair approved. Yes: Donna Corbin Sobinski, Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud, Robert Gillespie Jr No: None Abstain: None

MOTION by: Kelly Hemmeler seconded: Christopher Renaud to nominate Kevin Zorda as Vice-Chair.

MOTION by: Virginia Higley seconded: Kelly Hemmeler to close nominations.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion to close nominations approved. Yes: Donna Corbin Sobinski, Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud, Robert Gillespie Jr No: None Abstain: None

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion to nominate Kevin Zorda as Vice-Chair approved. Yes: Donna Corbin Sobinski, Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud, Robert Gillespie Jr No: None Abstain: None

MOTION by: Virginia Higley seconded: Kevin Zorda to nominate Kelly Hemmeler as Secretary.

MOTION by: Virginia Higley seconded: Christopher Renaud to close nominations.

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion to close nominations approved. Yes: Donna Corbin Sobinski, Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud, Robert Gillespie Jr No: None Abstain: None

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, the Chair declared the motion to nominate Kelly Hemmeler as Secretary approved. Yes: Donna Corbin Sobinski, Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud, Robert Gillespie Jr No: None Abstain: None

5. REVIEW OF BYLAWS

A. Review of Bylaws

Chair Corbin Sobinski noted a section in Section 4 on Page 2 that stated that the Secretary signs approved plans. Commissioner Higley stated staff has been signing them for years. Chair Corbin Sobinski questioned the last bylaws approval date. These will be voted upon at the next meeting. She also noted the bylaws on the Town website are outdated.

6. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION AND PETITIONS

None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. July 21, 2026

MOTION by: Kevin Zorda **seconded:** Kelly Hemmeler to approve the July 21, 2026 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Zorda noted that Commissioner Hemmeler's name needs to be capitalized.

MOTION by: Kevin Zorda **seconded:** Kelly Hemmeler to approve the July 21, 2026 meeting minutes as amended.

UPON A SHOW OF HANDS VOTE, the Chair declared the motion approved. Yes: Donna Corbin Sobinski, Kevin Zorda, Virginia Higley, Kelly Hemmeler, Kenneth Kaufman, Christopher Renaud, Robert Gillespie Jr No: None Abstain: None.

9. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

A. July 22, 2026

B. August 27, 2026

10. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. NEW PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. OLD BUSINESS

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. **DPN# 2026-07-15 - 86 Weymouth Rd** - Application for jurisdictional ruling for expanding a pond into the wetland; Angelo & Christie Bosco, Applicant/Owner; Map 49/Lot 9; R-44 Zone Ken Nelson was present on behalf of the applicants. The applicants would like to expand the previously approved 7,100 sq. ft. pond area to include the wetland area. The new total pond area will be approximately 40,000 sq. ft. All trees and natural vegetation will remain on the north, east, and west sides, only removing the trees and vegetation on the south side facing the house. Grass will be planted on the south side up to the high water line. Additionally, the tree line between the approved pond and the wetland would be removed to merge them together. Grading for the expanded pond will remain the same as the approved pond. During inspection, it was confirmed there are 2 visible existing small ponds or vernal pool areas within the wetland area they are looking to expand into, which are not shown on the site plan. Mr. Nelson referred to these as 'seasonal brooks'. Mr. Nelson circulated photos taken of the site for the Commission's review. No chemicals will be put in the pond. Chair Corbin Sobinski asked questions related to the farm. Commissioner Zorda requested to review the direction of the water flow on the site plans. Mr. Arigoni read Section 4 of the Regulations into the record, which addresses permitted uses as of right and non-regulated uses into the record. He asked Mr. Nelson how much fill would be removed from the area and reminded him to apply for an excavation permit if appropriate.

MOTION by: Kevin Zorda **seconded:** Kenneth Kaufman to not require a wetlands permit for DPN# 2026 07-15 - 86 Weymouth Road - Application for jurisdictional ruling for expanding pond into the wetlands; Angelo & Christie Bosco, Applicant/Owner; Map 49/Lot 9; R-44 Zone; including that the original approval for IW-07-27 stands with all its conditions and site-

specific conditions.

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

14. ENFORCEMENT REPORTS

A. Cease & Desist - 174 Shaker Road

Mr. Arigoni stated that Mr. Raschi and his attorney were present at the August 17, 2026 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting and stated that the mulch/wood chip piles have been removed. Mr. Raschi provided photos confirming the same. The site was inspected by Town staff from the road on August 25, 2026 and the piles have been removed.

MOTION by: Kevin Zorda **seconded:** Kelly Hemmeler to close the Cease and Desist for 174 Shaker Road.

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

B. Cease & Desist - 504 Hazard Avenue

Darrell Nieroda of Premier Property Management, was present for discussion. Mr. Arigoni stated that DEEP was conducting a trout study in the Scantic River when they noticed the company operating out of 504 Hazard Avenue, Building 17 was dumping debris into the upland review area. Upon inspection, Town staff did not see debris but did note vehicles and equipment being stored in the upland review area. Mr. Nieroda stated that the Notice of Violation was mailed to the incorrect address and once he was made aware, he moved the equipment, installed a silt fence and contacted staff immediately to further remedy the situation. Mr. Arigoni explained that this site was constructed prior to the creation of the wetlands regulations, and grandfathering rights were discussed. Commissioner Zorda recommended planting stabilizing plants to prevent further erosion. Mr. Nieroda stated that he has seen Town of Enfield employees also dumping back there and was directed to take and submit photos to Town staff should this happen again. He also noted that other tenants park vehicles in that area. Mr. Arigoni detailed next steps.

15. PLANNING STAFF REPORT

Town staff received a complaint regarding 92 Post Office Road. It was reported that the owner of record was seen spreading topsoil within the Upland review area and cut into the proposed conservation easement. Mr. Arigoni stated that the regulations allow for the spreading of 4 inches of topsoil. Further, the conservation easement is not on record nor is it under this Commission's jurisdiction. Staff decided not to take further action. Chair Corbin Sobinski stated that there was more to the complaint than what was stated. Administrative

staff is still working on the document tracking all permits. No update is available for Yankee Casting. Commissioner Zorda requested staff push this further since it has been outstanding for years. Mr. Arigoni opined that the complaint related 612 Hazard Avenue was determined to not be a wetlands issue and was passed along to Zoning.

16. APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED

IW 07-33 - 47 Weymouth School Road - application for a wetlands permit for the construction of a fiberglass pool and associated improvements was received.

17. MISCELLANEOUS

Chair Corbin Sobinski requested staff work on the procedure for violation enforcements and fining.

18. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Virginia Higley, seconded by 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 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Higley

Secretary

Rebecca Jones

Recording Secretary