

**TOWN OF KILLINGLY**  
**INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION (IWWC)**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**172 Main Street**  
**Danielson, CT**  
**March 4, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

- I. **Call to Order:** Chairperson Eggers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Members Present:** Chairman Sandy Eggers, Vice Chairman Rodney Galton, Chris MacDonald, Secretary Corina Torrey. **Members Absent:** Paul Archer (with notification). **Alternate Member Present:** Amy Sterling. **Also Present:** Jonathan Blake, Town Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer, Alec Ethier, Engineering Technician

III. Adoption of Minutes:

February 5, 2024 Regular Meeting:

**MOTION #1** made by Rodney Galton **SECONDED BY** Chris MacDonald that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approve Regular Meeting Minutes of *February 5, 2024* - as amended:

**MOTION #2:** IWWC recognizes Application 24-1582 as a Jurisdictional Ruling with the following modifications as discussed with applicant's agent:

- IWWC considers the application is not fully complete until applicant consults with a Biologist when developing a Forest Management Plan as highly recommended by DEEP; and
- Applicant designs for inclusion fencing to protect Eastern Box & Wood Turtles

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;**

**MOTION CARRIED**

February 28, 2024 Special Meeting (site walk):

**MOTION #2** made by Rodney Galton **SECONDED BY** Corina Torrey that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission approve Special Meeting Minutes of *February 28, 2024 Site Walk* - as presented

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;**

**MOTION CARRIED**

IV. Citizens' Participation: none

V. Unfinished Business:

- A. **Application #24-1585** Tracy E. Scraba, Revocable Trust, for demolition & construction of single-family residence w/driveway, well, and public sewer w/i the 200' upland review area); 6 Arnold Lane; Map IDs 4791, Alt ID 108-26.006 ALZOD / Rural Development Zone

**PRESENTATION / APPLICANT:** Normand Thibeault, Killingly Engineering Associates, was present to represent applicant.

Location of proposed residence is restricted due to proximity of overhead electrical wires. Design calls for use of staked haybales & silt fence in appropriate areas. Stockpiles will be located away from any potential moist spots on property. There was discussion on Alexander Lake water line, associated lease agreement, and relationship of this application with ALZOD Regulations applied.

**STAFF & ENGINEERING COMMENTS:** Jonathan Blake noted he and Dave Capacchione, Town Engineer, have reviewed this application and see no major concerns.

**MOTION #3** made by made by Rodney Galton **SECONDED BY** Corina Torrey that the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission approve **Application #24-1585** Tracy E. Scraba, Revocable Trust - as presented

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- B. Application #24-1586** Christopher & Beth Fallon for proposed addition for garage, screen porch & studio w/i 200' of upland review area; 23 Wauregan Road, Map IDs 1959, Alt ID 217-70, Industrial Zone

**PRESENTATION / APPLICANT:** Normand Thibeault, Killingly Engineering Associates, was present to represent applicant.

The applicant has received Zoning Board of Appeals approval. There are not many options for building locations due to right-of-way easement associated to State of Connecticut highway line.

**SOIL SCIENTIST REPORT:** There was review of correspondence submitted by Joseph Theroux, Professional Soil Scientist, dated January 10, 2024. Mr. Theroux delineated inland, wetlands, and watercourses and alluvial/floodplain soils on this property.

**ENGINEERING COMMENTS:** Dave Capacchione, Town Engineer, indicated there are no negative impacts to sewer system as design calls for slab on grade.

**MOTION #4** made by made by Rodney Galton **SECONDED BY** Chris MacDonald that that that the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission approve **Application #24-1586** Christopher & Beth Fallon - as presented

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- C. Application #24-1587 Application #24-1587** Lewis & Tina Merchant for proposed filling of 2830 sq. ft. of wetlands to create yard area, construct garage & install pool w/i 200' of upland review area; 18 Kent Street, Map ID 3863, Alt ID 200-129, Medium density Zone

**PRESENTATION / APPLICANT:** Normand Thibeault, Killingly Engineering Associates, was present to represent applicant. Modified site plans were submitted as result of IWWC concerns.

It was noted the Town has worked on outlet pipe/catch basin nearby to assist in drainage; and that, areas of proposed filling do not hold water.

**SOIL SCIENTIST REPORT:** There was review of correspondence submitted by Joseph Theroux, Professional Soil Scientist, dated February 29, 2024. Mr. Theroux delineated inland wetlands on property. It was noted, entire yard is in upland review. This review was extensive.

**IWWC CONCERNS:** It was noted a significant amount of water flows off Route 395 in the area of this property. Members referenced the soil scientist report as noted above. Areas of concern, include but are not limited to, sediment/toxicant retention and nutrient removal and retention and the potential for a negative impact as the result of activities associated to this application.

Mr. Thibeault respectfully noted there would not be a negative impact to sediment/toxicant retention and nutrient removal/retention because the actual area of water run-off does not impact the area of activity associated to this application. Additionally, functionality of existing wetlands would not be negatively affected. A significant amount of water run-off collects along the roadway in a sausage style and not on property.

IWWC members are concerned there is no actual need for filling of wetlands as proposed; and as this measure does not solve existing water issues. It was highly recommended Mr. Thibeault propose alternate and prudent modifications to this application associated to proposed filling of wetlands.

**MOTION #5** made by made by Rodney Galton **SECONDED BY** Corina Torrey that the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission table **Application #24-1587** Lewis & Tina Merchant for additional information

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VI. New Business:**

- A. Application #24-1588**, Town of Killingly for drainage improvements / maintenance on Cranberry Bog Road – Jurisdictional Ruling – no site walk / no public hearing

**TOWN STAFF:** Alec Ethier provided a presentation. Proposed drainage improvements are necessary because the area of concern floods in spring/summer months and freezes in winter months. The Town is working with DEEP and has acquired an associated drainage easement.

He referenced DEEP correspondence referencing Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDDB) determination. The Engineering Department is also working with DEEP on state listed plant and critical habitat in vicinity of project.

**MOTION #6** made by made by Rodney Galton **SECONDED BY** Chris MacDonald Archer that the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission accept **Application #24-1588**, Town of Killingly as a Jurisdictional Ruling – no site walk / no public hearing

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VII. Correspondence to Commission:** N/A

**VIII. Staff Report:**

**A. Authorized Agent Application:**

1. Application #24-1584, Woodstock Building Associates LLC (James Hamel & Lenore Felpel – landowners) for demolition of existing house & renovations of existing barn into single-family residence w/existing septic (w/modification) and existing well w/l 200' of upland review area; 1497 Hartford Pike, Map ID 2344, Alt ID 99-7 Rural Development Zone.

Project continues as applicant has retained surveyor and soil scientist.

**B. Opens Space Land Acquisition Committee:**

**MOTION #7** made by made by Rodney Galton **SECONDED BY** Corina Torrey that the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission nominate Amy Sterling as a member of the Open Space Land Acquisition Committee

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**IX. Town Council Liaison:** N/A

**X. Adjournment**

**MOTION #8** made Rodney Galton **SECONDED BY** Corina Torrey that the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission adjourn meeting at 8:24 pm

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted  
Sherry Pollard,  
IWWC Recording Secretary

