



**TOWN OF KILLINGLY
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION**

Monday, January 4, 2021

**Regular Meeting
7:00 PM**

AGENDA

Public can view this meeting on Facebook Live.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – (Review/Discussion/Action)**
 - A. December 7, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**
- IV. CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION – Pursuant to Governor's Executive Order 7B, all public comment can be emailed to publiccomment@killinglyct.gov or mailed to Town of Killingly, 172 Main Street, Killingly, CT 06239 on or before the meeting. All public comment received prior to the meeting will be posted on the Town's website www.killinglyct.gov.**
- V. Unfinished Business: – (Review/Discussion/Action)**
 - A. Application 20-1511 of Richard O'Keefe for a proposed single-family residence and detached garage; with associated, grading, drainage, utilities within the 200' upland review area; Located at 1496 Hartford Pike; GIS Map 99; Lot 1; 6.2 acres; Rural Development Zone.**
 - B. Application 20-1512 of Sean O'Keefe for a proposed single-family residence; with associated, grading, drainage, utilities within the 200' upland review area; Located at 341 Breakneck Hill Road; GIS Map 65; Lot 7.1; 1.92 acres; Rural Development Zone.**
- VI. New Business: (listed in order of receipt) – (Review/Discussion/Action)**

If the application is complete the Commission shall decide if a public hearing and/or site walk should be held on each application and continue further action until next month's meeting. The Commission may also delegate to its duly authorized agent.
- VII. Correspondence to the Commission**
- VIII. Staff Report**
 - A. Authorized Agent Approvals**
 - B. Monthly Zoning/Wetlands Report**
 - C. Other**
- IX. Town Council Liaison**
- X. Adjournment**

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TOWN OF KILLINGLY
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION (IWWC)
Killingly Town Hall
172 Main Street
Danielson, CT

4:35

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 7, 2020

Elizabeth M. Wilson

This meeting was held in virtual format with connections via live stream and video conferencing.

I. Call to order: Chairman Sandy Eggers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Members Present: Chairman Sandy Eggers, Vice Chairman Rod Galton, Deborah Lamiotte, Beth Dubofsky-Porter & Secretary Corina Torrey

Members Absent: Ronald Dass, Fred Ruhlemann

Also Present: Jonathan Blake, Town Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer
Anne-Marie Aubrey, Director Planning & Development

III. Adoption of Minutes:

a. November 2, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes:

MOTION #1 (12.07.20): made by Vice Chairman Galton **SECONDED BY** Beth Dubofsky-Porter that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission table November 2, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes to January 4, 2021
VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIED

IV. Citizens' Participation: NONE

V. Unfinished Business: NONE

VI. New Business:

A. Application #20-1513 Jean & Mark Palazzi for Show Cause Hearing (Cease and Desist Order – Section 13.3a); Located at 506 Cook Hill Road; GIS Map 162; Lot 16; 1.03 acres; Rural Development Zone.

APPLICANT / PRESENTATION: Jean Palazzi was present to provide an explanation. She said she was not aware wetlands existed in the area of activity. Her intent was to remove dead trees (approximately 4" in diameter), stumps, and dead leaves while making the area flat. She indicated there was no material brought into this site, however, about 4 yards of fill was removed. The Brook located close by was not touched.

TOWN STAFF: Jonathan Blake was notified by residents this activity might be taking place within wetlands. Town Staff followed up and reviewed the situation and then issued a cease and desist order to allow time to speak with Ms. Palazzi.

IWWC CONCERNS: It was clarified Ms. Palazzi did not seek a permit for this activity. As a result, there was consensus the cease and desist order stands. Staff will need additional time to review this issue, perform a site walk, and work with Ms. Palazzi on remediation. Due to current weather and time of year this could happen in the spring.

MOTION #2 (12.07.20): made by Vice Chairman Galton **SECONDED BY** Deborah Lamiotte that the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission move that the Cease and Desist Order (Section 13.3a) stand for Application #20-1513 as applied to Jean & Mark Palazzi for various work activities within wetlands without a valid permit

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIED

- B. Application #20-1511, Richard O'Keefe** for a proposed single-family residence and detached garage; with associated grading, drainage, utilities within the 200' upland review area; Located at 1496 Hartford Pike; GIS Map 99, Lot 1; 6.2 acres; Rural Development Zone.

APPLICANT / PRESENTATION: Gregg Glaude, Killingly Engineering Associates, was present to provide a brief presentation. Mr. Glaude provided a Site Plan, Plan Details, and the wetlands report written by Joe Theroux, Certified Soil Scientist.

TOWN STAFF: Jonathan Blake noted the application was accepted and appears to be complete. The property is located on a peninsula in and around 5 ponds in the reservoir area.

IWWC CONCERNS: Vice Chairman Galton asked about a vernal pool located down the hill from the septic system. Mr. Glaude responded there was a nitrate study completed and it showed levels were under the threshold as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

MOTION #3 (12.07.20): made by Vice Chairman Galton **SECONDED BY** Corina Torrey that the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission table Application #20-1511, Richard O'Keefe for proposed single-family residence and detached garage, 1496 Hartford Pike, pending a scheduled site walk with no public hearing

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION #4 (12.07.20): made by Vice Chairman Galton **SECONDED BY** Corina Torrey that the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission schedule a site walk for Application #20-1511, Richard O'Keefe for proposed single-family residence and detached garage, 1496 Hartford Pike, for Thursday, December 10, 2020, 3:00 p.m., at 1496 Hartford Pike, Killingly, CT

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIED

- C. Application #20-1512 of Susan O'Keefe** for a proposed single-family residence; with associated grading, drainage, utilities within the 200' upland review area; Located at 341 Breakneck Hill Road; GIS Map 65, Lot 7.1; 1.92 acres; Rural Development Zone.

TOWN STAFF: Jonathan Blake indicated the applicant has applied to the Northeast District Department of Health. Wetlands were flagged one-year ago.

MOTION #5 (12.07.20): made by Vice Chairman Galton **SECONDED BY** Deborah Lamiotte that the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission table Application #20-1512, Sean O'Keefe for proposed single-family residence, 341 Breakneck Hill Road, to the January 4, 2021 meeting without a site walk and public hearing

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIED

VII. Correspondence to the Commission: N/A

VIII. Staff Report:

- a. Green Hollow Road – Jonathan Blake issued an agent approval as there are no wetlands on site and proposed activity is far outside wetlands with no impact.

IX. Town Council Liaison: N/A

X. Adjournment:

MOTION #6 (12.07.20): made by Vice Chairman Galton **SECONDED BY** Deborah Lamiotte that the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted, *Sherry Pollard*,
IWWC Recording Secretary

Jonathan Blake

From: Donna M Bronwell <bronwelldonnam@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 31, 2020 9:43 AM
To: Jonathan Blake; Donna M Bronwell; Marina Capraro
Cc: RICK O'KEEFE; Jean Mountford; Jacob Gadbois; Bonni Piccione; margaretmweaver@gmail.com; Jill St. Clair; bill@tlgv.org; KARRIE DEMERS
Subject: Wetlands Commission Jan 4, 2021 - Public Comment on 1496 Hartford Pike application

To the Wetlands Commission:

Please consider my feedback on the proposed development on the peninsula on Rt 101 in the 5 ponds area, listed as 1496 Hartford Pike.

This scenic peninsula has been on our Conservation Commission's "Killingly Properties for Potential Protection" list for over 20 years. Conservation keeps in its "radar" parcels with important features that deserve protection from development. Now that the property has been sold, placement of a conservation easement with stipulations should be added.

I don't believe this unique property should be developed as a house lot. It has questionable septic and infrastructure concerns. It is narrow and would be difficult to build on. My grandson and I walked it last spring, and I was impressed at the number of tall hardwoods and the island on the north end.

My vision for this exceptional property is for a Welcome Center to Killingly and the Last Green Valley. When we come over the Rhode Island hill on Rt. 101, we are impressed and surprised at the pond vistas. What a beautiful entrance to Connecticut! Having travelled a good deal I always look for informational kiosks, photos and understanding of what, why, how of the area. This spot on Rt. 101 would be perfect!

Informational kiosks could show the history of the area, how ponds and dams were developed during the industrial revolution 175 years ago to power the textile mills on the Whetstone Brook. The Old Killingly Pond is the headwaters for this industrial history. Did you know that Killingly had the most cotton mills in the state in the 1830s? Most of the mills are gone, but the foundations and history remain of this era. I have developed Backroads Driving tours of "Undiscovered Killingly"; the brochure for this #2 Mills tour with maps and highlights is available on our Killingly Conservation website killinglyconservation.org. Paper copies are in the front entrance to the town hall. "Mills along the Whetstone Brook" by Richard C. Adams (Killingly history buff) has photos of the mills, villages and ponds of that bygone era. Enough of that.

A **welcome/educational center** could highlight the special features of our Quiet Corner....promote tourism, use for local school history classes, focus on environmental issues and clean water, and enjoy our precious scenic vistas. Killingly Historical Center, local colleges and schools could be involved.

A house built on this lot might be approvable by IWWC, but its historic and environmental value are priceless. I hope I have stirred some fascination on future ideas for Killingly.

Thanks, Donna Bronwell 860-779-1164 or cell 860-377-7194
Chair of Killingly Conservation Commission for 20 years and resident 40 years.

LEGAL NOTICE
Town of Killingly
Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Authorized Agent

On December 31, 2020 the Killingly Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Authorized Agent took the following actions:

- A. Application #20-1514; of Square 1 Building Associates for a single-family residence with associated grading, drainage, utilities (city sewer), w/in the 200' upland review area; 74 Island Road; GIS Map 82, Lot 59; Rural Development Zone – **APPROVED W/CONDITIONS.**
- B. Application #20-1515; of David Bove for a single-family residence and detached garage; with associated grading, drainage, utilities (septic existing), w/in the 200' upland review area; 305 Margaret Henry Road; GIS Map 252, Lot 8; Rural Development Zone – **APPROVED W/CONDITIONS.**

Jonathan Blake, Planner 1/Zoning Enforcement Officer

Dated 12/31/2020

TO BE PUBLISHED ON TOWN OF KILLINGLY WEBSITE (PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 7B – RE: COVID-19) – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2020

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