East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission

Land Use Office

Regular Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2026

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the East Haddam Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission was called to order by Mr. Dill at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Office Complex.

2. Attendance

Members Present: Randolph Dill, Bryan Goff, Jennifer Burton-Reeve, David Walls, Toni Dumaine
Members Absent: Daniel Jahne, Mary Augustiny
Also Present: Jim Ventres, William McEnery, Kimberly Edwards

Mr. Dill appointed Ms. Dumaine as a voting member, in the absence of Mr. Jahne.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion by Mr. Goff to approve the May 19, 2026, minutes as presented. Seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve and unanimously approved.

4. Bills

$339.65 Nathan L. Jacobson & Associates for firehouse building project review

A motion by Mr. Walls to pay the bill as presented. Seconded by Mr. Goff and unanimously approved.

5. Field Inspection Report

There was no field walk held in June.

6. Wetlands Permit Review

a. Application IWWC #26-2 Commerce Drive, Town Street, Norwich Road, Map 27 Lots 61, 62, 63, 64, Robert Casner, Mixed use development – commercial retail, offices and apartments.

Mr. Ventres received an email from Mr. Casner addressed to the Commission, outlining that he would like to withdraw the application as the environmental review is not yet complete.

Motion by Mr. Goff to accept the withdrawal of the Application #26-2 Commerce Drive, Town Street, Norwich Road, Map 27 Lots 61, 62, 63, 64, Robert Casner, Mixed use

development – commercial retail, offices and apartments, to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Walls and unanimously approved.

b. Application IWWC #26-04 East Shore Dr, Map 80, Lot 357, James Foley. 264 sq ft shed installed 60 feet from Lake Hayward.

Mr. Ventres outlined he noticed a brand new shed and knew there was no application submitted. He contacted the owner and indicated they need to submit an application to IWWC and ZBA as well as the shed is on a vacant lot. A field walk is needed.

Motion by Mr. Dill to schedule a field walk and continue the Application IWWC #26-04 East Shore Dr, Map 80, Lot 357, James Foley. 264 sq ft shed installed 60 feet from Lake Hayward. Seconded by Mr. Walls and unanimously approved.

c. Application IWWC #26-05 15 Conn River Rd, Map 08, Lot 001, William McEnery and Kimberly Edwards. Construct an elevated deck attached to the house.

Mr. Ventres noted that owners are in attendance, and are in the process of building a deck. A field walk needs to be scheduled to review the project.

Motion by Mr. Dill to schedule a field walk and continue the Application IWWC #26-05 15 Conn River Rd, Map 08, Lot 001, William McEnery and Kimberly Edwards. Construct an elevated deck attached to the house. Seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve and unanimously approved.

d. Application IWWC #26-06 3 Conn River Rd, Map 08, Lot 006, Michelle Severance. Screened porch over part of existing deck.

Mr. Ventres noted the screened porch is there, and has been built without any permits. The owner has been made aware of the need for an application. It requires a field walk as well.

Motion by Mr. Dill to schedule a field walk and continue the Application IWWC #26-06 3 Conn River Rd, Map 08, Lot 006, Michelle Severance. Screened porch over part of existing deck. Seconded by Mr. Walls and unanimously approved.

e. Application IWWC #26-07 7 Conn River Rd, Map 08, Lot 004, Kipp Kollar. Construction of two accessory structures within floodplain soils.

Mr. Ventres noted these structures were built and has informed the owners of the need to submit an application for them. There is a need for a field walk.

Motion by Mr. Dill to schedule a field walk and continue the Application IWWC #26-07 7 Conn River Rd, Map 08, Lot 004, Kipp Kollar. Construction of two accessory structures within floodplain soils. Seconded by Ms. Dumaine and unanimously approved.

7. Discussion

a. 26 Leesville Road (property location), Charles & Cathy Grillo (property owners). Map 052, Lot 032. Drainage issue

Mr. Ventres noted that we are waiting on Public Works who have other higher priorities to address.

8. IWWC Enforcement Officer's Report

Mr. Ventres noted that he received several complaints on zoning issues and has mailed out applications to those owners asking them to submit them and appear before the IWWC. Mr. Ventres also sent out 40 letters to town property owners to address blighted properties and bring them into zoning compliance.

a. Beebe Road – Molley Brook

The beaver deceivers were not installed, but a trapper removed several beavers.

b. Proposed forestry regulations

On hold.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Goff to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. The motion was seconded by Ms. Burton-Reeve and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon A. Goyette
Recording Secretary