

CORNWALL INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES AGENCY
SPECIAL MEETING SITE WALK MINUTES
Tuesday, September 1, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Location: 60 Cream Hill Road - IWA #711 – James & Elizabeth Fishman– Construction of berm to mitigate flooding from beaver activity. MBL# D09-005-001.

1. Call to Order – Appointment of Alternates

Vice Chairman Peter Demy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and took attendance.

Members Present: P. Demy, D. Bennett, J. Morgan, G. Rubio, LUA S. Musselman.

Members Absent: W. Hurlburt, I. Tyson.

Also Present: James Fishman.

Appointment of Alternates: None.

2. Site Walk / Property Inspection – 60 Cream Hill Road - IWA #711 – James & Elizabeth Fishman – Construction of berm to mitigate flooding from beaver activity. MBL# D09-005-001.

Applicant James Fishman walked the Commissioners through an overview of the flooding issues his property is experiencing due to beavers. He will be working with Frost Excavation and Josh Tyson recommended that a berm not be constructed as it will increase the depth and size of the pond which will cause further impact to his property. Instead, J. Tyson recommended that the outlet of the existing pond be dredged and the dam be removed to allow the stream to flow unobstructed again and solving the properties flooding issue. All dredged soils will be dewatered and removed from the site. J. Fishman stated that he will have J. Tyson provide more information to the Commission at their next meeting including the amount of fill proposed to be dredged from the pond. If approved J. Fishman would like to have work commence late fall during a dry period.

3. Adjournment of Site Walk

Following J. Fishman’s walkthrough, P. Demy moved to adjourn the site walk meeting at 6:15 p.m. J. Morgan seconded and the motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

4. Reconvene for Agency Business - *At the shoulder of 60 Cream Hill Road*

The special meeting for regular agency business was called to order at 6:16 p.m. by P. Demy.

Members Present: P. Demy, D. Bennett, J. Morgan, G. Rubio, LUA S. Musselman.

Members Absent: W. Hurlburt, I. Tyson.

Appointment of Alternates: None.

5. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting – August 4, 2026.

D. Bennett moved to approve the 8/4/26 minutes. J. Morgan seconded and the motion to approve carried unanimously.

6. Application Consideration – Discussion and possible action / decision on application.

- a. **IWA #711 – James & Elizabeth Fishman – 60 Cream Hill Road –**
Construction of berm to mitigate flooding from beaver activity. MBL# D09-005-001.

Action on IWA #711 was tabled until the 10/6 meeting.

7. Agent Determination

- a. **IWA #712– Abercrombie – 61 Castle Road –** Construction of a parcel shed and associated trenching. MBL# D03-001-003.

S. Musselman gave a brief overview of the agent determination issued for 61 Castle Road which includes the construction of a stone parcel shed and associated trenching for lighting. All work will be within the upland review area, and no work will be conducted within a wetland.

8. Adjournment

P. Demy moved to adjourn at 6:21 p.m. G. Rubio seconded and the motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

- Next Regular Meeting: October 6th, 2026 @ the Cornwall Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Spencer Musselman
Land Use Administrator
Town of Cornwall, CT