

**TOWN OF COLUMBIA
INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

SITE WALKS

Members Present: Chairman John Allen, Secretary Ron Wickholm, William Ross, Ian Dann, Carol Ann Jaswinski, Tip Garritt

Staff Present: Wetlands Agent John Valente and Board Clerk Linda McDonald

Others Present: Tom McGrath from the Conservation and Agriculture Commission, Rob Hellstrom, Kevin McKnerney, Hillary Culver

The meeting was called to order by J. Allen at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – IWW-1415-21: Application of Kevin McKnerney to fill in wetlands behind house to increase lawn area at 65 Erdoni Road, Columbia, CT, Assessor's map 15, lot 6 and assessor's map 14, lot 8 in the LAR zone.

The Commission viewed the proposed areas of filling of wetlands on the side and rear of the property and the area for the proposed swale with K. McKnerney. Unpermitted disturbance and filling of wetlands were started by the property owner until issued a violation order by the Wetlands Agent. K. McKnerney pointed out the wet area behind the house saying water would seep into the basement. He said he would like to extend the lawn area to the adjacent lot he owns. A stone wall behind the house has been dismantled. K. McKnerney would also like to build up the driveway in the adjacent lot for access.

6:35 p.m.- IWW-1415-20: Application of Rob Hellstrom Land Surveying LLC for construction of driveway within 100 feet of wetlands on proposed subdivision on property at 208 Route 66, Columbia, CT, Assessor's map 24, lot 30, property of June Squier.

The Commission reviewed the area adjacent to the wetlands where the driveway takes a 90 degree bend to the proposed house location. It is at this juncture where the driveway is closest to the wetlands. The Commission expressed their concern regarding the current drainage problem and that this grading for the driveway should not interfere with the drainage. R. Hellstrom said he addressed this drainage problem on his revised plans.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.