



TOWN OF PUTNAM

TOWN HALL
200 SCHOOL STREET
PUTNAM, CONNECTICUT 06260

Inland Wetland Commission Meeting Hybrid Meeting
July 9, 2025, 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Complex Room 201
Second Floor

Show Cause Hearing, Continued from June 11, 2027:
Cease-and-Correct Order 61 Pitkin Road, Mr. Mariuza Surowaniec
and Mrs. Anna Surowaniec

Agenda:

Call to Order & Roll Call:

Seating of alternate:

Review minutes of the June 11, 2025, meeting. VOTE REQUIRED
Review minutes of the June 24, 2025, site walk. VOTE REQUIRED
Review minutes of the June 28, 2025, site walk. VOTE REQUIRED

Correspondence: None

Public Participation:

New Business: VOTE REQUIRED

2019-06 Renewal: Wheelabrator Putnam, Inc. a WIN Waste Innovations Company
River Road addresses: 314, 344, 422, 444, 376, 388, 404, 448
Monofill facility

Other Business: VOTE REQUIRED

Cease-and Correct Order 61 Pitkin Rd, Deliberation and Decision

Accepting of new applications for the August, 2025, meeting:

Agent Updates:

Comments by Commissioners

Adjournment.

Wetlands July 9, 2025

Join Zoom Meeting

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Passcode: 1gQxVJ

By Phone

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Meeting ID: 810 3891 9301

Passcode: 964909

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/u/kdDeflwZSG>



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Inland Wetland Commission Hybrid Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2025, 7:00 P.M.
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Agenda:

Present: Adam Paquin-Chairman, Walter Irwin-Vice Chairman, Mike Bogdanski, Cynthia Dunne, Theodore Altmeier

Seating of alternate: N/A

Opened the Show Cause Hearing at 7:00 P.M. regarding the Cease-and-Correct Order for 61 Pitkin Road, Mr. Mariuza Surowaniec and Mrs. Anna Surowaniec. Theodore Altmeier recused himself due to a conflict of interest. Bruce Fitzback stated that he had received a complaint that the filling of wetlands were taking place with loads of woodchips being brought in. Bruce explained that it was about a 40' X 30' area. Mr. Surowaniec reviewed the area where the woodchips were placed reading a letter to the Commission members which was placed on file. He suggested the Commission members visit his property to look at work that had taken place. Motion by Mike Bogdanski to continue the hearing to July 9, 2025 with a site walk to be scheduled, second by Walter Irwin. Adam Paquin, Walter Irwin, Mike Bogdanski, and Cynthia Dunne voted in favor. Theodore Altmeier abstained.

Motion by Mike Bogdanski to hold a site walk on Tuesday June 24, 2025 at 5:00 P.M., second by Walter Irwin. Adam Paquin, Walter Irwin, Mike Bogdanski, and Cynthia Dunne voted in favor. Theodore Altmeier abstained.

Regular Meeting:

Review minutes of the April 9, 2025, meeting.

Motion by Cynthia Dunne to accept the minutes, second by Theodore Altmeier. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Correspondence: None

Public Participation: None

New Business:

2025-04, 39 Ridge Road LLC, ERW/Alinabal, Addition of 40 parking spaces.

Daniel Blanchette of J & D Designs reviewed the plans with the Commission stating there would be 12 additional parking spaces to the right and 28 additional in the parking spaces to the rear.

Motion by Theodore Altmeier to approve, second by Walter Irwin. ALL WERE IN FAVOR

2025-01 Revised, 465 School St, Homes at School LLC, 40 Unit Multi-Family

Robert Russo, Soil Scientist and Ellen Bartlett, P.E. reviewed the plans with the Commission. The plans were submitted to D.O.T. and they are waiting for the completion of their review. Bruce Fitzback stated that the applicant had addressed all of C.D. Smith's comments as he had sent the plans out for a private engineering review. The Commission requested the submittal of annual reports regarding the separator. Motion by Mike Bogdanski to approve with the condition that the annual separator reports submittal as requested, second by Cynthia Dunne. ALL WERE IN FAVOR

Other Business:

Accepting of new applications for the July 9, 2025, meeting:

Wheelabrator – Technology Park Drive – Extension of permit – 2019-06

Motion by Walter Irwin to accept the application, second by Cynthia Dunne. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Motion by Mike Bogdanski to hold an on-site inspection on Saturday June 28th at 9:00 A.M., second by Walter Irwin. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

The Commission members will meet in the parking lot of Wheelabrator on Technology Park Drive.

Agent Updates:

Comments by Commissioners:

Motion by Mike Bogdanski to adjourn, second by Cynthia Dunne. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Roy.



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06260

June 4, 2025

Mr. Mariuza Surowaniec
Mrs. Anna Surowaniec
61 Pitkin Road
Putnam, CT 06260

**RE: CEASE AND CORRECT ORDER, VIOLATION 2025-002
61 Pitkin Rd Assessor's Map 031, Lot 085)**

Dear Mr. Surowaniec & Mrs. Surowaniec

By this letter you are hereby ordered to immediately cease all regulated activities on your property referred to in the Town of Putnam Tax Assessor's records as "61 Pitkin Road" Assessor's Map 031, Lot 085 which are in violation of section 22a-42a(c)(1) of the Connecticut General Statutes and section 6.1 of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Putnam revised June 14, 2007.

NATURE OF VIOLATION:

Conducting a nonpermitted regulated activity; clearing and filling of a wetland.

Based upon the above, you are hereby ordered to Cease and Correct by the following actions:

1. Cease all filling activity
2. Remove all fill material to the original grade or condition, allowing the wetland to restore its natural state.

The timeframe for you to reach compliance as outlined above will expire on August 31, 2025.

You are so ordered based upon the following:

The Putnam Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission has the authority and responsibility to regulate inland wetlands and watercourses in Putnam under sections 22a-36 through 22a-45 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S.") and the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Putnam ("the Regulations"). This order is issued in accordance with section 22a-44, C.G.S. and section 14 of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.

SHOW CAUSE HEARING

On **Wednesday June 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** Putnam Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission will hold a hearing to provide you with an opportunity to show cause why this order should not remain in effect.

This is a hybrid meeting; in person or via Zoom

Join Zoom meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88455914680?pwd=SsNqEN5OOWK9poeylj8apmmjXpXtm.1>

Meeting ID: 884 5591 4680

Passcode: 5P6ry9

Please also be advised that this order is an addition to and not in lieu of other statutory remedies available to me and the town. Those remedies include commencement of a civil action or initiation of a prosecution before the Connecticut Superior Court under Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 22a-44 (b) and (c). That statute provides that any person who commits, takes part in, or assists in any violation of any provision of the Connecticut Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act or the Putnam Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations shall be assessed a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars for each offense. Each violation is considered a separate and distinct offense, and, in the case of a continuing violation, each day's continuance thereof shall be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense. Further, the statute provides that any person who willfully or knowingly violates the act or regulations shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars for each day during which such violation continues or be imprisoned for not more than six months or both. The court is also empowered to grant orders to cease violations of the act and regulations and to restore the property impacted by the violator. The court is also required to include all costs, fees and expenses in connection with the action taken by me or the town shall be assessed as damages against a violator together with reasonable attorney's fees. And you should also be advised that penalties assessed by the court under that statute are not dischargeable in bankruptcy. *In re Jimmo*, 204 B.R. 655 (Bankr. D. Conn. 1997).

Sincerely,



Bruce Fitzback, LS, CZEO
Putnam Wetlands Agent

Order VIOLATION 25-02

Via: Certified Mail # 9589 0710 5270 0995 4683 01

Regular mail











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Inland Wetland Commission Site Walk Minutes
June 24, 2025 5:00 P.M.
61 Pitkin Road, Putnam, CT

Site Walk Started at 5:01 PM

Present: Adam Paquin, Mike Bogdanski, Walter Irwin, Cynthia Dunne, Bruce Fitzback Agent

The area of concern was just off the southerly side of Pitkin Road behind an existing stone wall.

The commissioners viewed the woodchip fill area, with freshly cut logs along a portion of the southerly edge.

Three small holes were dug to see the depth to original grade.

Site Walk Adjourned 5:07 PM

Minutes by Bruce Fitzback, Agent



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Inland Wetland Commission Site Walk Minutes
June 28, 2025 9:03 A.M.
314 River Road, Putnam, CT

Site Walk Started at 9:03 AM

Present: Adam Paquin, Mike Bogdanski, Walter Irwin, Cynthia Dunne, Theodore Altmeier
Bruce Fitzback Agent
Don Musial and Thomas Hochdorfer, Win Waste Innovations, Putnam, CT

The Site Walk consisted of driving through the project area, and stopping to view the following areas:

1. Mitigation area off the southwest side of Carpenter Pond, 2.75 acres more or less.
2. Stopped to view the existing Tire Pond, which is scheduled to be removed in the next year or two.
3. Mitigation area near the southeast corner of the project area, about 400 feet west of the Quinebaug River
The commissioners were told that, on site, employees have environmental training to recognize and assist with wildlife movement when migratory patterns are interrupted by silt fence. Frogs, turtles, ... are moved from one side of silt fence to the other in the direction of travel.
4. Metal extraction facility, process description provided
5. Future mitigation site northeast of Carpenter Pond where 1.2 acres of wetlands relocation/replication will take place next year.

Adjourned 10:28 AM

Minutes by Bruce Fitzback, Agent



INLAND WETLAND COMMISSION

APPENDIX A

RENEWAL/EXTENSION OF EXISTING PERMIT

This application is for the use of inland wetlands and water courses, for renewal/extensions in accordance with the CT Wetlands & Watercourses Act Section 22a-42a.

The meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm in the Town Hall. If an on-site inspection is canceled due to inclement weather, the applicant is asked to call the office at 963-6803 30 minutes before the scheduled inspection to see if or when the inspection will be held.

Original Approval Date: August 12, 2020 2019-06

Name of Applicant Wheelabrator Putnam Inc.
Applicant's Address 200 Technology Park Drive, Putnam, CT 06260
Phone # 508-561-1581
Owner of Land See attached page for additional owner information
Owner's Address 200 Technology Park Drive, Putnam, CT 06260
Location and description of proposed activity: See attached page for description of activity.

Activity & Purpose Code

Please CHECK one in each column that best describes the activity proposed.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Activity Type</u>	<u>Code</u>	<u>Activity Purpose</u>
☐ 1	Filling	☐ A	Residential Improvement by homeowner
☐ 2	Excavation	☐ B	New residential development - single family
☐ 3	Land Clearing	☐ C	New residential development - multi-family/condo
☐ 4	Stream Channel	☒ D	Commercial/Industrial Uses
☐ 5	Stream Stabilization	☐ E	Municipal Improvements
☐ 6	Stream Clearance	☐ F	Utility Company Improvements
☐ 7	Culverting	☐ G	Agriculture, Forestry or Conservation
☐ 8	Und. Grd. Util.	☐ H	Wetland Creation/Restoration
☐ 9	Roadway Construction	☐ I	Storm Water/Flood Control
☐ 10	Drainage Improvements	☐ J	Erosion/Sediment Control
☐ 11	Pond Dredge/Dam Construction	☐ K	Recreation/Boating/Navigation
☐ 12	Activity Buffer/Set Back Area	☐ L	Routine Maintenance
☒ 13	Renewal of Existing Permit		

Donald Musial, P.E. – Director, Ash Monofills (06/06/2025)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Town of Putnam 126 Church Street Putnam, CT 06260 (860) 963-6803 Phone (860) 963-5398 Fax

Owner of Land and Owner's Address

Land Address	Town Parcel ID	Owner of Land	Owner's Address
314 River Road, Putnam, CT	044-031	Wheelabrator Putnam Inc.	90 Arboretum Drive, Suite 300 Portsmouth, NH 03801
344 River Road, Putnam, CT	048-001	Town of Putnam	126 Church Street Putnam, CT 06260
422 River Road, Putnam, CT	048-010	Wheelabrator Putnam Inc.	90 Arboretum Drive, Suite 300 Portsmouth, NH 03801
444 River Road, Putnam, CT	048-013	Wheelabrator Putnam Inc.	90 Arboretum Drive, Suite 300 Portsmouth, NH 03801
376 River Road, Putnam, CT	048-003	Wheelabrator Putnam Inc.	90 Arboretum Drive, Suite 300 Portsmouth, NH 03801
388 River Road, Putnam, CT	048-008	Wheelabrator Putnam Inc.	90 Arboretum Drive, Suite 300 Portsmouth, NH 03801
404 River Road, Putnam, CT	048-006	Wheelabrator Putnam Inc.	90 Arboretum Drive, Suite 300 Portsmouth, NH 03801
448 River Road, Putnam, CT	048-014	Wheelabrator Putnam Inc.	90 Arboretum Drive, Suite 300 Portsmouth, NH 03801

Location and Description of Activity

The Town of Putnam and Wheelabrator Putnam Inc., a WIN Waste Innovations company, have been in a partnership for the development of the Putnam Monofill for more than 30 years. This renewal application is associated with the development of Phases 7 through 11 baseliner systems and its associated infrastructure at the ash monofill which received all final approvals from Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) in early 2022. The monofill is now permitted to continue operations for at least another 25 to 30 years.

The construction of Phases 7 through 11 required the filling, replication, and mitigation of existing wetlands and a section of an intermittent stream originating near the then-limit of the existing ash monofill footprint, nearly all of which had been subjected to manmade impacts for decades. Several on-site mitigation measures and funding of off-site mitigations were approved by the various agencies to account for these activities.

This subject work was approved by the Town of Putnam Inland Wetlands Commission on August 12, 2020 for the maximum allowable initial term of 5 years. This work was subsequently approved by the CTDEEP Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse on March 31, 2022 and then by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on January 3, 2023. The CTDEEP permit has no expiration date. The USACE permit expires on December 31, 2042.

Since approvals of the subject work were required from all three regulatory agencies, the actual performance of any work could not begin until the issuance of the final permit, the USACE permit, nearly 2½ years after the Town of Putnam's permit.

Following the receipt of all necessary permits, work commenced during the spring of 2023 with the clearing of trees within some resource areas and the bulk excavation and stockpiling of natural soils. The disturbance and removal of these resource areas was necessary for the construction of the Phase 7 baseliner in 2023 and the Phase 8 baseliner in 2024. In conjunction with this baseliner construction work, on-site wetland creation area 2 was completed in 2023 and consists of approximately 2.34 acres of new wetlands. In addition, an in-lieu fee of more than \$2.6 million was paid to USACE in 2023 for their discretionary use on other projects and sites within the Quinebaug River watershed. Wetland creation area 3 was completed in 2024 and consists of approximately 2.65 acres of new wetlands. Construction

for wetland creation area 1 is currently ongoing and will consist of approximately 1.93 acres of new wetlands. This work is expected to be completed in 2025. The permitted work in the remaining mitigation and resource areas will take place within the 5-year term of the renewed permit.

Since the original permit was issued in 2020 there have been no changes in facts or circumstances involved with or affecting wetlands or watercourses or use of the land for which the permit was issued. In addition, during the course of executing this project over the last few years there have been no inspectional concerns or enforcement actions associated with the work. Furthermore, there have been no substantial changes to the plans or reports submitted to and reviewed by the Commission during the 2020 application process.

Based on the above information, with this application WIN requests the renewal of the current approval for an additional 5-year term.

Inland Wetland Commission Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2020 7:00 P.M.

ORIGINAL
APPENDIX 2

Via Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88016439983>
By Phone: 1 646 558 8656, Meeting ID: 880 1643 9983

Present: Bruce Fitzback-Chairman, Theodore Altmeier, Jennifer Heath, David Pomes, Robert Greene

Agenda:

Opened public hearing on Application # 2019-06 Wheelabrator – Ash Residue Landfill Phases 7 through 11 – Property noted by location at 344 River Road, 376 River Road, 388 River Road and 404 River Road, Town Assessors Map 48, Lots 001,003,008 and 006, Zoned AG-2. Don Musial of Wheelabrator reviewed the history of the property and the future with the Commission. Tom Keogh of AECOM reviewed in detail the plan showing the various areas where the mitigation will be taking place. Don Musial informed the Commission that additional screening will also be taking place along River Road which was prompted by discussion he had with the neighbors. Bruce Fitzback questioned what type of guarantee the Town would have if for some reason the wetland replication process did not work. Don Musial stated that their plan is to have the replication in place with the 10 year process but also Wheelabrator will be paying \$1,500,000. to the Army Corp which will go into a fund that would need to be used for the northeast corner watershed. It can be used by either a non-profit of government agency. Bruce Fitzback also questioned if they would be giving them an update when they come in for their wetland permit renewal. Don Musial stated they would be. David Pomes questioned if there have ever been any leakage issues at the site. Don Musial responded no and how he started off at a Junior Engineer with Wheelabrator in 1995 and was involved in the beginning in 1999 with Bob Jacques who was employed by Wheelabrator at the time. Roxanne Sheldon of River Road reiterated her concerns about the light that she had brought up over a year ago. Don Musial stated that they had put up some shields but are now working on putting up some type of mesh to see if that takes care of the problem. They would be going out on River Road to see once in place. Roxanne Sheldon asked to be notified when it is going to take place so that she could supply input. Don Musial stated that he would. Motion by David Pomes to close the public hearing at 7:40 P.M., second by Robert Greene. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Regular Meeting:

Review minutes of the July 8, 2020 meeting.

Motion by David Pomes to accept the minutes, second by Theodore Altmeier. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Review minutes of the July 21, 2020 on-site inspection.

Motion by Theodore Altmeier to accept the minutes, second by David Pomes. ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Correspondence Received:

Letter notify the Commission in accordance with the State Statues for an application submitted for the Town of Thompson Inland Wetland Commission at the Village Plaza on 22 Woodstock Road in the Town of Thompson.