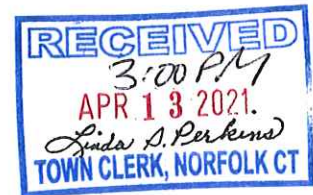


**Town of Norfolk**  
**Inland Wetlands Agency**  
**Monday April 5, 2021**  
**Regular Meeting 7:00 pm**  
**Zoom Meeting (recorded)**



**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order – 7:04 pm**

**2. Roll Call –** Mead (Chair), Webb, Kessin, Lovett, Kwast, IWO Halloran. Lovett and Kwast sat as a voting members. Mellissa Robinson called in from California at 7:25.

**3. Agenda Review (see WEO report on Bruey Rd. property).**

**4. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Webb, 2nd by Kwast. Approved unanimously**

**5. Public Comment – None**

**6. Old Business**

A. #21-004 Haystack Woods modification of February 4, 2019.

Mead opened the Public Hearing and read the legal notice into the minutes. It was confirmed that all mailings had been sent certified to all adjacent property owners. Kate Briggs Johnson, President of the Foundation for Norfolk Living, spoke briefly about changes to the application that the Wetlands Agency has not yet seen. The foundation and its engineer need more time to plan Phase 2 of the project. Phase I (10 homes) does still have modifications to be shown. Phase 2 requires further planning, particularly to avoid cutting into a slope, and also to redesign the road leading to that project, which was previously approved with a 12% grade and conversion to town ownership would be a limit of 10%. Johnson is hopeful Phase 2 is not an immediate project and asked the Agency to continue the hearing until next month to bring more information. Mr. Halloran suggested that the planners take advantage of an executive order from Governor Lamont, allowing extensions of planning, before applying to the Wetlands Commission. That would provide additional extensions for unanticipated delays. The Wetlands Agency agreed to continue the Public Hearing until May 3, 2021 at 7:10.

B. #21-005 Roughland Realty 362 Doolittle Dr. Proposed work in the wetlands and the upland review area.

Mr. Ken Hrica, lead engineer on this project, appeared to answer questions about drainage and footings that stemmed from the previous meeting. They were corrections to the plan and had the goal of protecting the water quality of Doolittle Lake. Mr. Hrica showed an innovative approach, involving helical poles that could be sunk under the cottage to support it. Digging

holes for concrete piles on a high water table would be difficult. Mr. Hrica showed images of how the helical supported would be inserted. These have high load bearing capacity and will easily support the cottage. These poles engendered an interesting discussion because of much reduced disturbance of the ground. The decks will be removed before 9 helical poles are sunk. When this work is finished the decks will be replaced. To protect the lake, a synthetic silt fence backed by hay bales will be built.

The second question that Mr. Hrica answered was about water flow and erosion control. These mitigation efforts involved directing water around the cottage and off the driveway. The driveway will have two diversionary culverts that direct water into heavy gravel beds.

The committee did not think a public hearing would be necessary based on the plans dated 1/18/2021 and revised 3/29/2021.

Motion to approve: Kwast, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lovett.

Unanimous approval with the 12 standard conditions.

**7. New Business:** Application #21-006 T2 Studio LLC for Coleen Hellerman, 139 Mountain Rd. Proposed work in the wetlands and the upland review area.

The proposal is for a building with 5 bays for storing equipment. It will not be a business. A small culvert will be replaced, with the pipe diameter increased from 15 to 18 inches, it will have flared ends to prevent blockage in heavy flow. In addition, 714 ft of wetlands will be temporarily disturbed for placement of a pipe under the driveway and small sections above and below the driveway. The committee felt that this was not significant enough to warrant a public hearing. All work to be completed as shown on plans dated 11/10/2020.

Motion by Clint Webb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Myron Kwast

Unanimous approval subject to the 12 standard conditions.

**8. WEO Report:** WEO Michael Halloran reported that a property on Bruey Road owned by Mr. Tim Martin, while it had been in compliance with wetlands regulations, the permit expired on March 22, 2021. Mr. Martin was notified that a new application would be required before any activity occurs on the property.

**9. Communications and Bills:**

A. Minutes P&Z, March 9, 2021

B. Minutes Conservation Commission Feb. 17, 2021

**10. Adjournment: 8:15**

Respectfully Submitted:

Richard Kessin, April 5, 2021