

Town of Norfolk
Inland Wetlands Agency
Zoom Meeting
Monday March 1, 2021
Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
Minutes

1. Call to Order – 7:11 pm
2. Roll Call – Mead (Chair), Tucker, Webb, Kessin, Lovett, Kwast, IWO Halloran. Mr. Lovett sat as a voting member.
3. Agenda Review – No change
4. Approval of Minutes – Approved unanimously
5. Public Comment – None
6. New Business
 - A. #21-004 Haystack Woods modification of February 4, 2019 approval.

In addition to Agency members and the IWO, Kenneth Hrica, lead engineer on the project, and Kate Johnson, President of the Foundation for Norfolk Living, attended. Mr. Hrica explained the proposed revisions to the project, which include converting the project's roads from private to town ownership (a requirement for state and federal funding and a highly useful statement of support for the project by the Town), the resulting regrading of some roads to make them less steep and with wider curves, dropping an existing 36 inches culvert by 12 inches, rebuilding the culvert and re-grading the road, extending a retaining wall to protect the culvert, and adding a one foot high berm to improve water runoff flow.

After a question and answer discussion between Agency members and Mr. Hrica and Ms. Johnson, the focus turned to whether a public hearing were needed before the Agency votes of the proposals. Agency members felt two issues motivated a public hearing: (1) the proposed change to town ownership of the project's roads, and (2) significant changes in proposed construction in wetlands and uplands review areas. Mr. Webb moved to hold a Public Hearing on April 5, 2021 at 7:10 pm, and Mr. Lovett seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Tucker then left the meeting.

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

In addition to Agency members and the IWO, Kenneth Hrica, lead engineer on the project, and Kate Johnson, attended. Mr. Hrica described the proposed construction, which seeks to solve several ongoing problems on the property. First, the existing foundation for the cottage is sinking, and new piers (not a new cottage) are proposed to solve the problem. An existing deck and porch will be demolished and rebuilt. Second, rain water currently flows downhill behind the cottage and erodes and saturates the land around the cottage, causing the cottage to sink. A proposed retaining wall will divert water around the cottage and a curtain drain will slow runoff. Third, rain runoff currently severely erodes the existing driveway. The proposed new driveway is designed to control runoff and stop erosion, and similar construction has worked well elsewhere. A proposed rain garden will help control runoff and create some new wetlands.

After some discussion Agency members expressed positive views toward the proposal, but felt the proposal should be tabled until revised plans which, for example, should include the exact location of the proposed new piers, could be examined by the Agency. Applicants agreed to present revised plans at the next Agency meeting. Mr. Hrica and Ms. Johnson then left the meeting.

7. Old Business – 57 Blackberry Street owners are now in compliance with Agency requirements.
8. WEO Report – Mr. Halloran reported that 2021 has been an unusually busy year so far and that he expects the Agency to have several items on its agenda in April.
9. Communications and Bills – Mr. Halloran summarized some changes, mostly technical, to Planning and Zoning regulations.
10. Adjournment – 8:33 pm

Respectfully submitted – Myron L Kwast