

Town of Norfolk
Inland Wetlands Agency
Monday July 26, 2021
Special Meeting 7:00 pm
Minutes

1. Call to Order – 7:05 pm
2. Roll Call – Mead (Chair), Tucker, Kessin, Kwast, IWO Halloran
3. Old Business
 - A. Public Hearing Application #21-011, Town of Norfolk Applicant, River Place Bridge Replacement over Blackberry River.

Mr. Mead opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 pm, read the appropriate legal notices, and introduced Michael Fanning, a Senior Engineer at WMC Consulting Engineers, who has been hired by the town to plan and manage the River Place Bridge Replacement. No members of the public were present.

Mr. Fanning described the project in some detail. The only wetlands issue is the disturbance of a small amount of wetlands (65 sq. feet) and watercourse area (60 sp. Feet). A projected 100-yr flood would only reach to withing 7 feet of the bridge. There are no other reasonable alternatives to the repair of the existing bridge.

A number of non-wetlands issues were discussed, including whether a fire truck could transit the bridge during the projected one-year construction phase. The answer to this and other questions will need to be resolved by other parties.

Mr. Tucker moved to close the Public Hearing and Mr. Kwast seconded. The motion was approved unanimously at 7:35 pm.

After a short discussion, Agency members agreed that the projected impacts on wetlands and the Blackberry River were minor. Mr. Kessin moved, and Mr. Tucker seconded, a motion to approve the application subject to the usual conditions except for the need for a surety bond. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Adjournment – 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted – Myron L Kwast