

Town of Norfolk
Inland Wetlands Agency
Town Hall
Regular Meeting
June 6, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
Draft Minutes

Present: Hartley Mead-Chair, Melissa Robinson-Secretary, Rich Kessin, Myron Kwast (alternate)

Also Present: IWO Michael Halloran

1. **Call to Order**-7:00 pm
2. **Roll Call** –Alternate Myron Kwast sat for Clint Webb. Marinell Madden-Crippen was introduced as the new secretary.
3. **Agenda Review**-None
4. **Approval of Minutes**-A motion to approve amended minutes of the May 2, 2022 regular meeting was made by Melissa Robinson, seconded by Myron Kwast, and approved unanimously.
5. **Public Comment**- None
6. **New Business**-
 - A. **Discussion of proposed solar arrays at the Town Farm property.**

The Agency discussed the impact of the proposed solar arrays. Myron Kwast thinks Wetlands will be impacted very little. Hartley Mead stated that a letter may be written from the Agency to Planning and Zoning (P&Z) explaining their approval or disapproval of the project. P&Z had already written a letter approving of the project and Michael Halloran read it into the minutes. After discussion the Agency approved the proposed solar arrays and decided to write a letter to P&Z stating the reasons of their approval. Melissa Robinson will write a letter and distribute it to the Agency by Thursday for approval.
 - B. **And C.**
 - B. **#22-009 T2 Studio LLC for Coleen Hellerman 139 Mountain Road new garage, work in the upland review area.**
 - C. **#22-010 T2 Studio LLC for Coleen Hellerman 139 Mountain Road modifications to house in upland review area.**

Michael Halloran explained that Studio LLC had previously received a Special Permit approval for a 5 bay garage and have now decided to abandon the Special Permit approval. They will now make a smaller barn, 4 bay, but will increase the size of the house. They have an application for a 4 bay garage at 1677 square feet and an application to increase the size of the house, which is currently 1698 square feet. None of the proposed construction is within any Wetlands.

A motion to approve #22-009 T2 Studio LLC for Coleen Hellerman 139 Mountain Road new garage, work in the upland review area and #22-010 T2 Studio LLC for Coleen Hellerman 139 Mountain Road modifications to house in upland review area was made by Harley Mead, seconded by Melissa Robinson, and approved unanimously.

D.#22-011 Patrick Hackett P.E. for Hurwitz residence 952 Rte. 183 Sewage System Repair.

The previous owners of this house had applied to replace a tank in 2019. They are now proposing a new tank and septic field. Michael Halloran showed an approval from Torrington Area Health as well as a letter from State of Connecticut Department of Public Health giving them an exception and approval.

A motion to approve #22-011 Patrick Hackett P.E. for Hurwitz residence 952 Rte. 183 Sewage System Repair was made by Myron Kwast, seconded by Melissa Robinson, and approved unanimously.

7. Old Business-

Hartley Mead showed a sample of the sleeve for woodchips being used at the former Yale Farm. The woodchips are biodegradable and he would like the sleeve to be so also and it looks as though it is not. He would in the future, like that engineers find an alternative product that would allow for the decomposition of the netting.

8. WEO Report

- A. Michael Halloran is working with Earl Thitchener from 57 Blackberry Street. A letter was sent in May. They need a permit and Michael Halloran will follow up.
- B. Michael Halloran and Hartley Mead went to Tobey Brook where a report of silted and brown water was running. Aquarion Water Company is replacing lines and the contractor John Brennon Company, damaged a failing culvert. A new cross culvert now needs to be installed. The Brennon Company will need to notify the Wetlands Agency when they put the new one in.
- C. Michael Halloran reviewed a complaint from 160 Bruey Road about possible work in the wetlands at 174 Bruey Road. Michael checked and there were no wetlands.

9. **Communications and Bills**

Passed out to the Agency were:

Minutes P&Z regular meeting May 10, 2022

Minutes Conservation Commission May 3, 2022

Minutes Conservation Commission May 9, 2022

CFPZA Quarterly Newsletter

10. **Adjournment**-Hartley Mead adjourned the meeting at 8:10, seconded by Melissa and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Marinell Crippen, Secretary