

Town of Norfolk
Inland Wetlands Agency
Town Hall
Regular Meeting
September 12th @ 7:00 p.m.
Draft Minutes

Present: Hartley Mead-Chair, Clint Webb, Phil Lovett (alternate)

Also Present: IWO Michael Halloran

1. **Call to Order**-7:00 pm
2. **Roll Call** –Alternate Phil Lovett sat for Byron Tucker
3. **Agenda Review**-A motion to move New Business #4 to #3 was made by Phil Lovett, seconded by Clint Webb and approved unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes**-A motion to approve amended minutes of the August 1st, 2022 regular meeting was made by Clint Webb, seconded by Hartley Mead, and approved unanimously.
5. **Public Comment**- None
6. **New Business**-
 1. **Discussion of #22-012 Nash Pradhan for 280 Westside Rd. Cleaning of edge of pond work deemed to be a regulated activity**
After the last meeting Michael Halloran emailed Nash Pradhan asking for 1) a map 2) a de-watering plan and 3) a disposal plan, and Michael never heard back. Michael sent him one more email and has still not heard back. The Agency has to make a decision by the next meeting which will give Mr. Pradhan 65 days.
 2. **Discussion of #22-013 John Cox 185 Ashpohtag Rd. letters for landing site approval.**
John Cox wrote Michael Halloran and said he will not be using the landing site that he requested approval for since it went over wetlands but will now just use the road he has on the side of his house, which negates the need for any approval from Wetlands.
 3. **Discussion with Benesch Engineering regarding proposed new firehouse.**
Will Walter, professional engineer with Albert Benesch and Company, said that the architect on the project that has been hired by the town is Silver-

Petrucelli and Associates, and Benesch is a sub consultant to them responsible for survey, civil engineering, and landscape architecture. Mr. Walter showed a schematic design for the new firehouse. He talked about how the current firehouse is not adequate for the needs of Norfolk. He wants to present conceptually what they have in mind and see if it is something Wetlands would even consider. He stated that it is a challenging project because it would disturb 8,000 square feet of wetlands soils. Mr. Walter did not include a grassy wetland area, stating that he felt this could fall under Army Corp of Engineering (ACOE) federal wetlands, and not be considered a Connecticut wetland. Clint Webb stated that he believes it is indeed a Connecticut wetland. Mr. Walter stated that they would do two things to help the wetlands, 1) pervious pavers to allow for water runoff to infiltrate ground, and 2) Capture storm water and treat with underground retention system. Mr. Walter will come back in two months with further plans.

4. #22-014 Jim Rossman, 46 Inner Road work in a regulated area.

Dennis McMorrow, Berkshire Engineering, representing Jim Rossman brought a schematic showing work to be done, including rebuilding of parts of the structure, and a design for an additional septic area. Michael Halloran said that he could have approved it himself because nothing is on Wetlands but wanted Agency to see because of it's proximity to Doolittle Lake. Mr. McMorrow explained the scope of the work. Corded mats or wood chips instead of core log (since core log is encased in plastic) was recommend as well as hay bales.

Clint Webb made a motion to approve the application with the standard conditions as well as the additional conditions of potentially choosing an alternate silt barrier and get approval of that alternate from the Wetlands Agency before starting construction, Phil Lovett seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

7. **Old/New Business-** Matt Riiska said that he was approached by the State of Ct, who inspects all the bridges every five years, regarding Mountain Road Bridge over Spaulding Brook.

For the record, from Matt Riiska to Michael Halloran a letter titled- **RE: Notice of Bridge Replacement of Mountain Road Bridge and Westside Drive.**

The bridge over Spaulding Brook will fall under federal bridge program and the town would receive an 80% reimbursement. In conjunction with getting the 80% reimbursement the state has started a program where their engineers will do all the work for free. Also, Matt thinks the 20% will get picked up as well with the infrastructure program from the Federal government. So, the work could be completely covered. Matt emphasized that he told them that we wanted a very simple bridge. Discussion ensued.

8. WEO Report

- A. Town of Norfolk got a wetlands permit to put in a tank at Botelle School. Matt Riiska filled out the application.
- B. Pesticide application use for Levinson's pond on Winchester Road.
- C. Michael received a call from a neighbor on Bruey Road that was upset about something being sprayed on the side of the road killing all the plants. She was worried about runoff into the stream below and wanted to know what was sprayed. Michael contacted the property owner Bart Wenrich by phone and several emails, but Mr. Wenrich has to date, refused to disclose what he was spraying. The issue for wetlands is that the application was actually on town property and wetlands are downhill on both ends of the spraying. It was decided that Matt Riiska will be asked to send a letter as well as the Chairman of Wetlands, to Mr. Wenrich voicing their concern over what was actually applied on town property and to notify the town of any future spraying on town right of ways.

9. Communications and Bills

- A) Forest management class being held at Sessions Woods, Hartley Mead attended. He said that the Agency doesn't have a definition for intermittent watercourse and he believes it should be in their regulations as well as a definition of forest land. Michael Halloran and Clint Webb will be attending later in the week. Hartley also brought up the fact that any forester should come to the Agency with their proposed activity and the Agency should issue a declaratory ruling.
- B) Action items-Review regulations to see what needs to be added or changed. It was written in 2008 and needs to be updated

10. Adjournment-Motion to adjourn was made by Clint Webb seconded by Phil Lovett and approved unanimously at 8:43.

Respectfully submitted,
Marinell Crippen, Secretary