# Town of Norfolk Inland Wetlands Agency Town Hall

Regular Meeting May 1, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. Draft Minutes



Present: Hartley Mead-Chair, Myron Kwast, Jill Chase-alt.

Also Present: IWO Michael Halloran

- 1. Call to Order-7:00 pm
- 2. Roll Call-Jill Chase will sit for Byron Tucker.
- 3. Agenda Review-None
- Approval of Minutes-Jill Chase made a motion to approve the minutes as amended of the April 3, 2023 meeting, Hartley Mead seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 5. Public Comment-None
- 6. Old Business-Review and update of gas spill

Michael Halloran emailed Jeff King who is working for Verdantas the company overseeing the clean up, and he then read the email into the record. Mr. Halloran asked if they have been granted full access to 89 Greenwoods Road East. Jeff King responded that they have not been granted access to 89 but have access to 85 and 93. Mr. Halloran recommends that Wetlands write a letter to DEEP saying that while we are being held up by a property owner, the possibility of contamination is spreading to other areas and it is a concern to the Wetlands Agency. Verdantas is ready to go down the brook and cleanup but are still blocked from total access. 89 GRE, has water in their basement and that water may be contaminated yet Verdantas couldn't verify it because they have not been granted access and as the water is being pumped out of their basement with a sump pump, it goes into the brook. The Wetlands decided to send a letter to DEEP. Michael Halloran will draft a letter and Myron Kwast will review the letter to DEEP.

Hartley Mead stated that he did not get far with the concern about the perched pipe on Mountain Road.

#### 7. New Business

A. #23-007 Susannah Wood rebuild of deck in Wetlands

Mrs. Wood is having rotted posts taken out that are now in the water at Toby Pond and replacing with cedar. Michael Halloran could not approve because it is in Wetlands although it is a minor activity. There is no base they are just replacing the old ones with cedar. There is no digging in the water just replacing the old posts. Mr. Halloran read the definition of significant impact activity in the Wetlands book and this job does not fit the definition.

A motion to approve application #23-007 was made by Hartley Mead, seconded by Jill Chase, and approved unanimously.

## B. Discussion of possible regulation change

Hartley Mead has nothing to add. Mr. Halloran said the department has gotten smaller at DEEP and they are overwhelmed.

### 8. WEO Report

Mr. Halloran went over Wetland Permits-Applications and Enforcements 2023

#### 9. Communication and Bills

Minutes NCC regular meeting April 10, 2023 were handed out.

Minutes P&Z Commission April 11, 2023 were handed out.

Notification of Emergency Action Plan Submission April 11, 2023 was handed out.

A copy will be forwarded to Richard Byrne.

10. **Adjournment-**Myron Kwast made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm, seconded by Jill Chase, and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marinell Crippen, Secretary