# Town of Norfolk Inland Wetlands Agency Town Hall

Regular Meeting February 6, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

### **Draft Minutes**

**Present:** Hartley Mead-Chair, Rich Kessin, Myron Kwast- alt.

Also Present: IWO Michael Halloran

1. Call to Order-7:03 pm

2. **Roll Call**-Myron Kwast sat for Byron Tucker.Hartley Mead took a moment to notice Melissa Robinson's resigning and that she had been on the board for more than 25 years and her service was very much appreciated. Myron Kwast will fill Melissa's spot as a full member, and Jill Chase has been appointed a new member, serving as an alternate.

Rich Kessin also mentioned a letter he received from a friend who knows about Roundup and the friend said that if something grows in the spring then it's roundup and if it doesn't it was something else.

### 3. Agenda Review-Add to New Business

- A. 52 North Street Application
- B. New Budget review for 2023-24
- C. Special Meetings for regulation changes

Myron Kwast made a motion to accept adding items to New Business, Rich Kessin seconded, and was approved unanimously.

- **4. Approval of Minutes**-A motion to approve minutes of the January 9th, 2023 regular meeting was made by Myron Kwast, seconded by Rich Kessin, and approved unanimously.
- **5. Public Comment-** none

### 6. Old Business-

**A.** Review of Haystack Woods,

Kate Johnson, President of Foundation for Norfolk Living, (FNL), came to the meeting to update the Agency on the progress of the Haystack Woods project. Mrs. Johnson said that it was exciting that after years and years of working on Haystack Woods project, they are finally moving forward and starting construction. Mrs. Johnson stated that they received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the Town of Norfolk from the State of Connecticut. She said they are partnering with the town on the construction of

the road. The Town has a contract with Guererra Construction. She let the Agency know that every Friday at 2pm they will have a meeting with Guererra Construction, Troy LaMere, superintendent of roads for Norfolk and FNL. She would like Michael Halloran to attend representing P&Z and Wetlands. She also noted that FNL has given the town a \$10,000 bond as well.

## B. Review and update of gas spill

Michael Halloran noted that there was a town meeting last week to update the public.

#### 4. New Business-

- A. 52 North Street Application. John and Aileen Hester are putting on an addition to their house. They are fifteen feet from the property line. At their property line is a small area of Wetlands. Michael Halloran can sign off on it if the Agency approves. The Agency approved of Michael okaying the project.
- B. Budget 2023/24. \$2750 last year. The Agency decided to keep the same budget.
- C. Revisit regulations that the Agency began discussing in August. 1-Need a definition in regulations for Forestry. 2-Discuss Logging Regulations. These will be put on the agenda for next month.

## 5. WEO Report-

- A. Email from Rich Kessin about Roundup
- B. Michael Halloran read into the minutes a letter from John Nathanson to Matt Riiska regarding the "liner" pipe in the culvert where Tobey Brook runs under Mountain Road, explaining what an eyesore it is. Michael will send an email to Matt Riiska that this needs to be taken care of.

#### 6. Communications and Bills

Minutes were handed out from the P&Z meeting of January.

7. **Adjournment-**Rich Kessin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01, seconded by Myron Kwast, and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Marinell Crippen, Secretary