

Town of Norfolk
Inland Wetlands Agency
Town Hall
Special Meeting
October 25, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.
Draft Minutes

Present: Hartley Mead-Chair, Myron Kwast, Clint Webb, Rich Kessin, Phil Lovett, alt.
Also Present: Recording Secretary-Marinell Crippen

1. **Call to Order-7:00 pm**
2. **Roll Call-Phil Lovett will sit for Byron Tucker**
3. **New Business-Continuation of Public Hearing 7:00 pm, 23-021 Alfred Benesch & Co. Town of Norfolk, redevelopment of Norfolk firehouse work in wetlands and upland review area.**

Hartley Mead read a letter into the minutes from John P. Anderson Jr.

Clint Webb said that Martin Brogie's report answers his questions. He said that one clarification that should be made is that the report says the firehouse was built in 1980 and it should say 1972. It was built before Wetlands regulations in Connecticut which eliminates disturbed soil Wetlands which is not a violation and the only thing they should be paying attention to is the undisturbed Wetlands which is about 410 square feet. Mr. Webb then asked what they will be using to filter storm water during construction since the old firehouse will still be standing and they won't be able to build the chamber. Mr. Webb wondered if they would be using some kind of temporary filter until the building is knocked down.

Will Walter, professional engineer, from Alfred Benesch & Co., addressed the question. Mr. Walter said that they will have a construction entrance and at the low end they will have alternating rows of hay bales and silt fences. Any existing or new drainage structures during construction will have filter sacks and when muddy water runs in it is filtered and any new catch basins will also have those drainage sacks and they have included erosion control per the 2000 Erosion Control manual from DEEP.

Hartley Mead had a question about pumped water and the water table and Mr. Walter replied that they have a plan for a dewatering pump that pumps to a haybale station.

Will Walter gave out hard copies of the document Mr. Brogie prepared, and he wanted to say for the record they were asked to go back to Martin Brogie and state clearly that this was not Army Corp Wetlands. Mr. Walter stated that on page 3 Mr. Brogie describes why it is not Army Corp Wetlands and also describes amount of disturbance that is considered Army Corp Wetlands, and it

is 1351 square feet that they are disturbing which is below the 5000 square feet that triggers the requirement for an Army Corp permit.

There were no questions or comments from the Public.

Myron Kwast made a motion to close the public hearing, Rich Kessin seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

Hartley Mead asked if there was a motion to approve this application in consideration of no feasible or prudent alternative and based fully on the record of this hearing, this commission grants the applicant as filed with these conditions, limitations, modifications and regulations which include the standard 13 from the application and in addition to the 6 recommendations from Mr. Brogie which are:

1-Specifications for potential contaminations-someone like Mr. Brogie review the area if a contractor finds anything suspicious while doing the work 2-they are putting in a retaining wall and Mr. Brogie recommends an underdrain under the retaining wall and garage and they think it is a good idea and have included it in their plans 3-he suggests putting some landscaping behind the wall and they agree and they have put it in the plans 4-heavy lighting can be detrimental to wetlands habitat so Mr. Brogie suggests checking their lighting plans so there is no spillage on the wetlands. Mr. Walters said that they must light the boardwalk and are using low lighting LED. 5-Mr. Brogie recommended putting some wetland shrubs toward the storm water outfall of the water system 6-Mr. Brogie said that erosion and sedimentation control system should be carefully installed and monitored and maintained which is already in the plans.

Myron Kwast made a motion to approve the application with the standard 13 conditions and the additional 6 from Mr. Brogie, seconded by Rich Kessin and approved unanimously.

4. **Adjournment**-Hartley Mead adjourned the meeting at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MSM Crippen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Marinell Crippen, Secretary