

Town of Norfolk
Inland Wetlands Agency
Town Hall
June 3, 2024
Regular Meeting
@ 7:00 p.m.
Draft Minutes



Present: Hartley Mead-Chair, Myron Kwast, Rich Kessin, Jill Chase
Marinell Crippen, Recording Secretary

Also Present: IWO Karl Nilsen

1. **Call to Order**-7:00 pm
2. **Roll Call**-conducted
3. **Agenda Review**-Marinell Crippen as Admin to ZEO wanted to add an email about Wetlands to the agenda.
Myron Kwast made a motion to add Wetlands email to #6D New Business, Rich Kessin seconded and it was approved unanimously.
4. **Approval of Minutes**-Minutes were approved as amended by Myron Kwast, seconded by Jill Chase and approved unanimously.
5. **Public Comment**-Hartley Mead spoke about the vacancy on the Agency and said that Bill Millard from Wheeler Road will sit on the Agency. Mr. Millard is a retired State Highway employee from the bridge division. There is still one vacancy.
6. **New Business-**
 - A. **24-003 application for work in wetlands and upland review at 305 Mountain Road by Tighe and Bond for Carlene Laughlin**
Haley DeMarchis, an Environmental Consultant, spoke from Tighe and Bond for Carlene Laughlin. Mrs. DeMarchis explained that they are proposing 3300 square feet of enhancement plantings in the upland review area, 1300 square feet of plantings in the wetland area and some reconstruction to the 2 outbuildings in the upland review area. Mrs. DeMarchis brought new copies of a drawing showing what plantings are going in and she said that the plantings are on the site waiting for the application to be approved. Hartley said it was a very thorough application. Reconstruction will take about a year.
Myron Kwast made a motion to accept the application with the 13 regular conditions from the application and 2 additional conditions which are 1) show the location of the well and 2) clarify the planting map showing the proper location of the rain gardens, seconded by Jill Chase and approved unanimously.

Myron Kwast made a motion to approve the application with the 13 regular conditions from the application and 2 additional conditions which are 1) show the location of the well and 2) clarify the planting map showing the proper location of the rain gardens, seconded by Jill Chase and approved unanimously.

B. Karl discussion with Great Mountain Forest

Hartley Mead read a letter from Russell Russ, which is attached, that pertains to the meeting Mr. Russ had with Karl Nilsen concerning replacing culverts in Great Mountain Forest.

C. Procedural, group, car accident-how much responsibility?

Hartley Mead said that there was a truck accident on the Norfolk/Colebrook road. The pond of Tom Fahsbender is near where the culverts from the road lead. Mr. Mead said that the police put pads in the brook to take care of any leaks from the truck. Mr. Mead wondered what role Wetlands has after the State Police investigated. Karl Nilsen said that if further action was needed the Police would have contacted DEEP so the Wetlands would not be responsible in a public right of way.

D. An email pertaining to spraying in a pond.

An email from Lisa Mariakakis from The Pond and Lake Connection in Brookfield, Ct gave notice that they were treating a pond at 821 Winchester Road. No one was aware what she was alluding to and what they were spraying. Hartley Mead said that he would contact her and ask for more information.

7. Old Business-

Jill Chase wondered if Karl Nilsen had any date for when they will be spraying City Meadow for the phragmites because she has bees within 3 miles and if they will spray she needs to know the night before. Mr. Nilsen explained that he does inspections there and will know when they are spraying.

8. WEO Report-none

9. Communications and Bills-

Hartley Mead brought up that an application from Aton Forest for dam remediation for Spaulding Pond will be coming to Wetlands. Marinell Crippen to send a note to Russell Russ asking to make sure best management practices are in place and that Karl Nilsen will be notified when work is beginning at Great Mountain Forest. Karl Nilsen will contact City Meadow and let them know that they need to alert him when they will be spraying. Hartley Mead will follow up with the email about spraying the pond at 821 Winchester Road.

10. Adjournment-Rich Kessin made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm, seconded by Myron Kwast and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Marinell Crippen, Secretary