

**Town of Norfolk
Inland Wetlands Commission
Norfolk Town Hall 2nd Floor & Via ZOOM
HYBRID Special Meeting Approved Minutes
March 10, 2025 - 7:00PM**



1. **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL** 7pm called to order. Hartley Mead-chair, Bill Millard and Phil Lovett were present.
Also in attendance were Stacey Sefcik-WEO, Marinell Crippen-recording secretary and Dan Casagrande-counsel via zoom.
2. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussion & Possible Action to Determine Whether Regulated Activities are Proposed at 69 Maple Avenue for which an Inland Wetlands Permit Application would be Required.
Hartley Mead reminded all that the last meeting ended with Stacey Sefcik checking on whether there was a possible intermitten watercourse at the Manor house.
Mrs. Sefcik said that she went out the day after the meeting and viewed the stone wall and possible watercourse, then went Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and today. She read the definition of an intermittent watercourse as "Intermittent watercourses shall be delineated by a defined permanent channel and bank and the occurrence of two or more of the following characteristics: (A) Evidence of scour or deposits of recent alluvium or detritus, (B) the presence of standing or flowing water for a duration longer than a particular storm incident, and (C) the presence of hydrophytic vegetation;". Her conclusion was that this is not an intermitten watercourse and it was placed accurately on the plan. She said it looks like a drainage swale coming from the back yard. She said there was some water but today it was almost all gone. Even if it was an intermitten watercourse, the plans put forth by the applicant would not affect this, because they are past the 100' area. It is 120' feet away from a possible watercourse.
Mr. Casagrande said via zoom that 160-13 of regulations said developer has given enough information to say that a wetlands application is not necessary. He said that the Commission has to decide if this is an activity that is: 1-permitted or 2-permit required. No public input allowed from anyone.
Mr Mead made a motion that this is a non-regulated activity and best management practices are being used in construction, so an application is not necessary, Bill Millard seconded and then there was a discussion.
Phil Lovett said that the reason he was concerned inititally was that if this is an intermitten watercourse it has direct connection to Blackberry River and the gas spill that occurred makes this a sensitive area as well as the culvert being changed. Also the plans are from 2022, so his question was had anything been changed or regraded.
A vote was then taken and it was approved unanimously.
Stacey will put a letter together for P&Z for their meeting tomorrow evening so they are aware that Wetlands has decided that no application was needed.
3. **ADJOURNMENT.** A motion to adjourn at 7:15pm was made by Bill Millard, seconded by Phil Lovett and approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Marinell Crippen