

Town of Norfolk
Inland Wetlands Agency
Town Hall, 19 Maple Avenue
Monday May 2, 2022



Regular Meeting 7:00 pm
Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order – 7:04 pm
2. Roll Call – Mead (joined by phone) Kessin, Webb (Acting Chair), Kwast (alt) Halloran (IWO), Robinson (Sect’y – arrived 7:05)
3. Agenda Review – Add 6A – Litchfield & Bruely Road landowners. 6B Proposed solar arrays
4. Approval of Minutes - Mead moved, Kessin seconded. Approved.
5. Public Comment – none
6. New Business

A. Landowners appeared to describe deteriorating situation at their properties caused by beaver activity and asked for advice, assistance. A discussion followed on trapping, mechanical devices, fencing and other actions. The first selectman was present and promised bring the situation to the attention of town public works, contact state authorities about culvert capacity and pass on resources to the landowners.

B. Dan Watson from Lodestar Energy presented proposed solar project at the Town Farm property including a brief history of project and bid, auction requirements Lodestar met to be selected to proceed. In short, the project could produce 7-8 million kilowatt hours over twenty years, enough electricity to supply up to 1000 homes through the CT Community Energy program. The town approval process for this project is funneled through the Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z) which forwards their recommendation for best possible use of the property to the Board of Selectmen. Our agency can write a letter to P&Z. Discussion then focused on access roads and stormwater management basins with the commissioners asking for narratives for both the construction and maintenance of these features. Watson said the fenced areas will have a 4” gap at the bottom to allow animals to pass. The environmental consultant All-Points and engineer JB Russo are developing the final details which will be forwarded to Agency for review before the June meeting.

7. Old Business – Mead initiated a discussion of native wood chip berms for S&E controls, plus specifying biodegradable mesh wattles.
8. WEO Report – None
9. Communications & Bills
 - A. P&Z and Conservation Commission Minutes, April 12, 2022
 - B. Melanie Bachman email April 26, 2022
 - C. Conservation Commission Special Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2022
10. Adjournment at 8:18

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Robinson