

**Town of Norfolk
Inland Wetlands Agency
Town Hall
Regular Meeting
July 10, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.
Draft Minutes**



Present: Byron Tucker- Chair, Rich Kessin, Myron Kwast, Jill Chase-alt
Also Present: IWO Michael Halloran

1. **Call to Order**-7:00 pm
2. **Roll Call**-Jill Chase will sit for Hartley Mead
3. **Agenda Review**-none
4. **Approval of Minutes**-A motion to approve minutes of the June 5th, 2023 regular meeting was made by Myron Kwast, seconded by Byron Tucker and approved unanimously.
5. **Public Comment**- There was none.
6. **New Business**-
 - A. **#23-012 Curtis Rand for Andrus on Bald Mountain. Forestry harvest review under CGS 1-1q.**

The Agency is reviewing the water crossing and Mr. Rand's narrative. The cutting is estimated to last for several weeks in the winter of '23 - 24. Mats will be removed after cutting which are used for the wetlands crossing. This crossing has been used before but they used to come out on Rte. 272 now the state has put up guardrails, so now they come out on Bald Mountain Road. They are taking down the ash and the oak that are dead and are dying. Everyone on the Agency is fine with the crossing.
 - B. **#23-014 GB Green for Agate 358 Doolittle Dr. regulated activity in the wetlands and upland review.**

Mr. Halloran asked for a brief narrative of what they are doing. In 2021 the Agency approved 2 Helical tests. Dan Green spoke and said that they are doing the same procedure that was approved of in 2021, while less invasive there are more of them. A Helical pile is basically a screw that screws into the ground, similar to what was used in City Meadow. The proposed work is on the uphill side of the natural berm that is around the lake. They are not lifting the house and putting foundation under it because they would have to

dig 16' on each side of the building to put cribbing down to footing levels, so this seems to be the system that has the least disturbance to the ground. He would not put a silt fence in only haybales as not to disturb the area. Rich Kessin made a motion to approve #23-014 GB Green for Agate 358 Doolittle Dr. regulated activity in the wetlands and upland review with the condition of putting down 60' of haybales for E&S controls, seconded by Myron Kwast and approved unanimously.

C. #23-016 George and Renee Byers Roughland Road LLC regulated activity in the wetlands.

Mr. Halloran read a letter that Hartley Mead wrote. The Byers are doing work in the wetlands and they do not have a permit. Mr. Halloran asked that they get a soil scientist, which they did, and the soil scientist sent Mr. Halloran the report which addressed the situation and added mitigation steps. The scientist recommended reseeding of all the disturbed land and not going in with a machine and removing the cut logs but cutting those into smaller pieces by hand. About 3/4 of an acre of wetlands was disturbed. Myron Kwast made a motion to approve the mitigating steps indicated by the soil scientist from the last pages of his report dated July 7th, as well as getting confirmation from the Conservation Commission that all the reseeding plants are approved by the Conservation Commission and also, they will cut up some of the large pile by hand and Michael Halloran will review it. This was seconded by Byron Tucker and approved unanimously.

7. Old Business-

- A. River Place Bridge work was approved by Wetlands in 2021 and then it was only 100 square feet of Wetlands impact because they were working on either side of the abutments because they were going to use the same abutments. Now the Wetlands work has increased because when they started working the engineers had not looked at the bottom of the abutments because the foundations were all shot and now they need to take the abutments down so the job has come to a complete standstill. Mr. Halloran got a couple of calls from people living there complaining about the run-off and Matt Riiska asked Mr. Halloran to take a look at it. Mr. Halloran said it is an abandoned job and then he got a hold of the engineering firm, WMC, and they will come out with the contractors to look at it. They had to redesign the whole plan and now it is with the state to be reviewed and WMC hope to get it back this week. It is an 80/20 job where 20 percent is what the town has to pay and 80 to federal.
- B. The gas clean-up is ongoing on Maple Avenue. The rain has not helped with the cleanup. They will be digging in front of 58 and 62 Maple Ave and replacing the water and sewer lines.

8. **WEO Report**-no questions from anyone.
9. **Adjournment**-A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm was made by Rich Kessin, seconded by Myron Kwast and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Marinell Crippen, Secretary