

Town of Norfolk
Inland Wetlands Agency
Town Hall
Regular Meeting
June 5th, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.
Draft Minutes



Present: Hartley Mead-Chair, Byron Tucker, Vice Chair, Rich Kessin, Myron Kwast, Jill Chase, alt.

Also Present: IWO Michael Halloran

1. **Call to Order-7:02pm**
2. **Roll Call-Jill Chase will sit for Clint Webb**
3. **Agenda Review-None**
4. **Approval of Minutes-Myron Kwast asked to explain what a perched pipe was.** Mr. Mead said that a perched pipe is above the water line on the lower end, so fish and other aquatics cannot move upstream. The pipe in question is on Mountain Road and the concern is any animal wanting to go upstream cannot take any genetic material to Toby Pond because of the pipe. Before, the fish could move back and forth. Mr. Mead wrote to the Ct. Inland Wetlands and has not heard back yet.
Byron Tucker recommended that Mr. Mead contact their state senator.

A motion to approve minutes of the May 1st, 2023 regular meeting was made by Myron Kwast , seconded by Jill Chase and approved unanimously.

5. **Public Comment- None**
6. **New Business-**
 - A. **#23-008 Foundation for Norfolk Living, Old Colony Road, Permit modification. Blasting and bedrock removal in Upland Review Area.**
Ken Hrica, engineer, could not make the meeting so Kate Johnson, President of Foundation for Norfolk Living, read the letter that Mr. Hrica had sent. She said that they had no evidence of ledge when they proposed the Haystack Woods project, but have found ledge, and she said it is a sizeable amount and the project needs to get rid of the ledge to move forward. She then read the letter and explained what she was reading. She said there will be two phases which need to be done. The first phase involves blasting and mass excavation of the bedrock behind the buildings. The second phase involves blasting and rock removal for utility trenching. They don't need to dig as deep as planned

since it will be on ledge, and they do not have to worry about erosion. They will only have to dig a few feet. 12,000 cubic yards estimated will be removed and will take 10-12 days to crush the rocks. No wetlands will be disturbed. Less material will be removed, and it will be more stable. Michael Halloran said the only concern for Wetlands would be if they start digging and find more ledge closer to wetlands. When they do excavation, they put mats over the area they are blasting to control dust and particle velocity. Michael Halloran read the email he received from Richard Byrne, President Norfolk Center Cemetery, concerning stabilization of retaining wall which Mr. Byrne had sent to State of Connecticut Soils and Foundation Unit as well. Mr. Halloran received an email from Sara Ghatee, transportation engineer for Soils & Foundation Unit State of Ct., which he read aloud. Mr. Halloran wrote back, and he read his reply as well which states that P&Z will require further permitting for the blasting and he asked what language she would like added. Ms. Ghatee replied that her agency was concerned about the 3 dry masonry walls adjacent to Rt. 44 Westbound supporting Old Colony Road. Ms. Ghatee wants controlled blasting methods to be utilized and a monitoring program be initiated to ensure the blasting will not adversely impact the condition of the masonry walls. She attached a copy of the controlled blasting special provisions which was 9 pages long. She wants this included in the blasting permit and Mr. Halloran questioned if Mr. Byrne was concerned about the new wall along the proposed road and not the Rt. 44 wall. Mr. Halloran will speak to Ms. Ghatee and find out which wall they are concerned with. Kate Johnson and Michael Halloran will work together on this.

Mr. Mead asked if the agency needed to do anything since it is a change in the plans. They all agreed that since it does not affect Wetlands no action is needed.

7. Old Business-

Review and update of gas spill

Mr. Halloran said they are just about done with remediation on Rt. 44 and are working their way down through the brook to Pettibone Lane. Pettibone Lane is mostly cleaned up. They will start with Maple Avenue soon.

8. WEO Report-

Old Colony Road blasting
Susannah Wood pier

9. Communications and Bills

CFPZA Quarterly newsletter was distributed.

Minutes of the Planning and Zoning May 9, 2023 meeting were handed out

7. **Adjournment-** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm, was made by Jill Chase, seconded by Byron Tucker, and approved unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,
Marinell Crippen, Secretary