

Inland Wetland Minutes
December 01, 2025



1. **Call to Order.** -Hybrid meeting 7:00 Hartley Mead chair, Jill Chase, Ted Otto, Myron Kwast, Joel Nelson sitting secretary. Stacey Sefcik WEO. Absent Bill Millard, Phil Lovett.

2. **Agenda Review** - Henry Tirrell 1st Selectmen is added to the agenda under new business.

3. **Old Business** - **The** Spaulding Brook Bridge application on Mountain Road was approved unanimously. There was discussion and agreement around the table that the end walls would be better in keeping with the neighborhood and the scenic nature of the road with its maple trees and worm fence if veneered stone was added instead of the cold gray concrete. Mark from Vanessa Hangen Brustlin for Town of Norfolk hear our thoughts on the matter. He said the job had been priced and a public hearing had been held the previous year. That was the time to raise the issue. First selectmen Tirrell also heard the concern.

4. **New Business** - There had been a cease and desist order written by Mead the previous week for the cutting on Lower Ashpohtag by the Town. There was public concern that there was native vegetation clear cutting in wetlands and no reviewing of this scheduled activity. First selectmen Tirrell spoke of the new policies being discussed regarding future cutting. Like, notifying landowner of cutting that is going to happen on their street and involving the Tree Warden. It was suggested that a public notice might go on the town website of where and when big cutting projects will be conducted. Sefcik mentioned her experience with permits given in other towns that are decided by her office or brought before this commission by scope. Chase said the town crew has to be reined in a bit, not going on private land to open beaver dams for example “as right”.

Susan MacEachron reporting for the Norfolk Now cited CT Forestry Law posting plans for public comment of cutting something along the lines, “Anyone seeking to cut trees on municipal property must obtain written permission and follow procedures, and objections to tree removal on public land can trigger a public hearing before the tree warden.”

5. **WEO** - See report.

Adjourned 7:48

Minutes taken by Joel Nelson

Typed by Hartley Mead

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