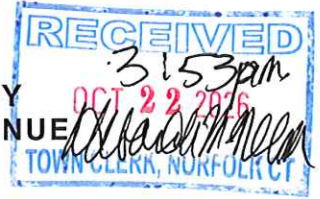


**TOWN OF NORFOLK – INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY
NORFOLK TOWN HALL – 2ND FLOOR – 19 MAPLE AVENUE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026 - 7:00PM**



MEMBERS:

Hartley Mead, Chairman
Jill Chase, Vice Chairman
Myron Kwast

Bill Millard
Ted Otto

Phil Lovett, Alternate
Joel Nelson, Alternate

STAFF: Stacey Sefcik, IWE0

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL.

Chairman Hartley Mead called the meeting to order at 7:01PM. All members were present for the meeting.

2. AGENDA REVIEW.

No business to discuss.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

A. August 3, 2026 Regular Meeting.

MOTION Ms. Chase, second Mr. Kwast to accept the minutes of the August 3, 2026 regular meeting as presented; unanimously approved.

B. August 18, 2026 Special Joint Meeting with the Conservation Commission.

MOTION Mr. Kwast, second Ms. Chase, to accept the minutes of the August 18, 2026 special joint meeting as presented; unanimously approved.

4. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

No one present expressed the desire to speak.

5. OLD BUSINESS.

No business to discuss.

6. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Application #26-009 - Dan Green for Alexandra Walcott, 31 Gamefield Road – Construction of 24' x 28' Garage in the Regulated Area.

Jeff Torrant addressed the Agency on behalf of Dan Green, who was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Torrant briefly explained the proposed project, noting that the garage was to be located adjacent to the house in an area that was originally designated as a peninsula of wetlands, but that they had obtained an updated soil delineation from Tom Stansfield.

Ms. Sefcik explained that in reviewing the application submitted, she reviewed an engineering plan associated with an earlier wetlands approval for the property. That plan indicated the area where the garage was now proposed was in fact delineated wetlands. She explained she had informed Mr. Green, who then arranged for an updated delineation, which Mr. Torrant was now submitting for the record. Agency members then reviewed the delineation on the earlier site plan and compared it to Mr. Stansfield's new report. Mr. Torrant explained the location of the drainage

improvements that had been approved as a part of that earlier site plan, noting that some had been installed and some had not.

Members discussed that they did not have a new map with the revised wetlands delineation. Mr. Mead asked what the distance of the garage would be from the wetlands if the revised wetlands delineation was accepted. Ms. Sefcik estimated it to be approximately 10 feet from the new wetlands line. At the Agency's request, Ms. Sefcik pulled up the GIS aerial of the property to share onscreen for all present.

Members noted that Mr. Stansfield's report explained that the earlier drainage improvements led to the change in the wetlands boundary. Mr. Kwast noted that the garage was only 672SF, only half of which would have been considered to be located within wetlands under the previous mapping; this was not a large change to the map. Ms. Chase requested an updated site plan reflecting the change to the wetlands delineation in the area of the garage. Ms. Sefcik questioned whether that could be part of an as-built plan and the members indicated a preference for the revised mapping in time for the November 2nd meeting.

Members then asked about erosion and sedimentation controls, which Mr. Torrant indicated would be straw wattles and silt fence.

MOTION Ms. Chase, second Mr. Millard to accept the application in the matter of **Application #26-009 - Dan Green for Alexandra Walcott, 31 Gamefield Road – Construction of 24' x 28' Garage in the Regulated Area** subject to the submission of a revised site plan indicating the revised wetlands delineation, the location of the garage in relation to it, and any proposed erosion and sedimentation controls; unanimously approved.

B. Informal Discussion with Tom Strumolo & Henry Tirrell Regarding Dam Restoration Work at Assessor's Map #05-06/11 Winchester Road.
During the discussion it was clarified that the location at issue is 129 Grantville Road, not the Winchester Road property.

Tom Strumolo addressed the Agency about this matter. Ms. Sefcik pulled up the GIS aerial of the property for reference. Mr. Strumolo explained that approximately 20 years ago, the Town road crew had indicated that the culvert needed repairs, and at that time they removed part of the dam and spillway. This led to a decrease in the amount of water in the pond onsite. Beavers would periodically dam the area which raised the water level back to its original state, but the Town crew would then periodically come and remove the beaver dams. Mr. Strumolo said he periodically spoke about this issue with whoever was the First Selectman at the time, but nothing had yet been done to resolve this. He noted that when the dam was removed he was told it was an emergency repair, and he wondered whether it could now be fixed also as an emergency repair. He stated that he was hoping to have his contractor reset stones to rebuild the dam; he would also like to dredge sediments out of the pond but that would be in a later, separate application.

Ms. Sefcik showed to members the progression of the area over the past 20 years using the aerial mapping on the CTECO website. Members discussed with Mr. Strumolo what he proposed to do, and he estimated it would take approximately 3 days with an excavator to complete work to reset the stones. They then discussed with First Selectman Henry Tirrell whether the bridge itself was also going to be repaired and if so, would that then lead to multiple disturbances for all the repairs.

Mr. Mead stated that the Agency would like to get some drawings to show the proposed repair work on the dam. He explained that it would also be a good idea to get some information on the hydrology. Mr. Strumolo and Mr. Tirrell agreed with this plan.

7. WEO REPORT.

Ms. Sefcik briefly reviewed her report with the Commission.

8. COMMUNICATIONS & BILLS.

Ms. Sefcik informed the Agency about several upcoming training sessions that members might be interested in attending.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION Ms. Chase, second Mr. Millard, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey M. Sefcik
Land Use Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed within an oval. The signature appears to be 'Sefcik' with a stylized flourish.

