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October 3, 2023  
Meeting Minutes  
6:00 PM

**Present Members:** Brian Boyers- Chair, Anthony Gagnon, Karen Golab, Larry Brown, Paul Steer, and Robert Graham-Alternate

**Absent Members:** Ryan Thibeault- Vice Chair, Humphrey Williams,

**Staff Present:** Bruce Woodruff- Town Planner; Jennifer Conti- Land Use Clerk

**Public Attendance:** Virginia Long

- I. **Call to Order:** B Boyers calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. B Boyers sat R Graham in for R Thibeault
- II. **Public Comment:** No Public Comment
- III. **Review/Approval of Minutes:** *K Golab made a motion to accept the September 19, 2023, meeting minutes. L Brown seconded. All were in favor. P Steer abstained*
- IV. **Continued Discussion on draft changes to Wetland Conservation Article in Zoning-Significant Wetlands:** The town planner went over what he was asked to prepare, better definitions for both the wetland buffer and wetlands setbacks. More discussion on other suggested changes by Virginia Long and The Town Planner.

*P Steer made a motion to accept #52 in the definitions section "wetland setback" as written. L Brown second. All were in favor.*

*P Steer made a motion to accept #57 in the definitions section "wetland buffer" as written. B Graham seconded. All were in favor.*

*P Steer made a motion to accept the changes in the "B. Purpose" section. R Graham seconded. All were in favor.*

*P Steer made a motion to not change the wording in G #3 in Virginia Longs requested changes. A Gagnon seconded. All were in favor.*

*P Steer made a motion to add a subsection “permitted uses within the wetland buffer” to “permitted uses within the wetlands setback.” R Graham seconded. All were in favor.*

*K Golab made a motion to accept Virginia Long’s suggestion on adding into the section Restoration of Altered Soils – “Any wetland altered in violation of this chapter shall be restored at the expense of the violator(s) within 1 year from notification of the violation. Proper restoration requires the submittal of a Certified Wetland Scientist approved Wetland Restoration Plan. Failure to comply will result in the Town’s having the right to contract the restoration and bill the landowner.” L Brown seconded. A Gagnon was not in favor. The rest of the board was in favor.*

*K Golab made a motion to add this wording to the ordinance as well “have both particularly valuable functions and a higher risk of degradation.” P Steer seconded. All were in favor.*

- V. **Other Business:** None
- VI. **Planner/Staff Comment:** The Planner wants to make sure that the board understands what he is going to do with the two sections ‘permitted use within the setbacks’ and ‘permitted use within the buffer’. He is going to rethink how to make it work. He plans on getting everything to the board before the next meeting. The board needs to consider whether they like the language to the four significant wetlands and the increase to the wetlands buffer from 25 feet to 50 feet around those 4 significant wetlands.
- VII. **Adjournment:** *P Steer made a motion to adjourn. R Graham seconded. All were in favor.*