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By Darlene Brady at 10:05 am, Mar 28, 2023

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Inland Wetlands Commission held a special meeting via zoom on Monday, March 27, 2023 beginning at 6:45 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Werner called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES, IF REQUIRED

Commissioners Present: Lynn Werner, Chairman; Ken Johnson, Anthony Palumbo, Marge Smith, Paul Yagid

Staff Present: Tai Kern, Land Use Administrator
Donna Hayes, Assistant Land Use Administrator

3. REVIEW DRAFT FINE ORDINANCE

Ms. Kern walked the Commission through the draft. She explained that the State Statute enables each Commission to institute their own fining regulation. Currently, the Commission fines according to the State requirement; the proposal will be the creation of a Town Ordinance enabling additional fining by the Commission.

Mr. Yagid asked if the Town could place a lien on the property. Ms. Kern said yes, but the goal is not to collect money, it is mainly in place to make sure that residents follow the regulations. Because this is an ordinance, it would have to be approved by the Town residents.

Ms. Werner asked if all the fines could be \$1,000. Ms. Kern said that the statute regulates the amounts and recommended that the Town attorney review the final change.

Mr. Yagid asked about the last sentence of #4 in the draft Ordinance and Ms. Werner referred him to #7 on the second page. She asked Ms. Kern if this was referring to the lien and she replied that it was. Mr. Yagid asked if that would be mentioned in the Citation; Ms. Kern replied that it would.

Ms. Kern said that a hearing officer would need to be appointed so that the property owner has an avenue under which the citation can be appealed. She explained that it could be one person or it could be a board

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of officers. Ms. Kern said she has known other towns to use past members of the Inland Wetlands. It was noted that the First Selectman would appoint the officer(s) for a stated term.

Ms. Werner said that the next step would be to have Attorney Zizka review the draft and then a meeting will be set up with the First Selectman. After that, a Town meeting would need to be held for adoption.

Ms. Kern said that she will report back to the Commission with Attorney Zizka's comments and then the Commission can make a formal motion to move forward.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Yagid moved to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Mr. Johnson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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