

MINUTES

Members Present: S. Accorsi, P. Aho, B. Chandy, L. Cooley, J. DeVivo, K. Fratoni, L. Ross, G. Tomecko, C. Wutsch

Members Absent:

Alternates Present: V. Ward

Alternates Absent: D. Blanchard

Staff Present: J. Kaufman Director of Planning and Development;
J. Woodmansee, Planner II/CZEO;
M. Stankov, Environmental Planner
S. Forand, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Aho called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Members present are Aho, Accorsi, Chandy, Cooley, DeVivo, Fratoni, Ross, Tomecko, Wutsch and Alternate Ward.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1. Fratoni MOVED, Chandy seconded, the Approval of the March 6, 2023 minutes as presented. Aho noted he listened to the recording.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

3.1. Conservation Commission

3.2. Inland Wetlands Agent Monthly Business Report

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1. **W1631 Selection of a Peer Review Consultant for Application of Benchmark Cascade, LLC for a permit to conduct regulated activities associated with a proposed multi-family housing project located at 541 Middle Turnpike.**

Stankov gave a detailed overview of the consultant proposals for the Commission.

Commission members discussed the consultant proposals and options. Kaufman explained the RFP consultant process.

Tomecko MOVED, Cooley seconded, to authorize staff to engage the services of LandTech to provide independent review of the application. Pursuant to 8.6 of the Mansfield's Inland Wetlands Regulations, fees incurred for this review will be the responsibility of the applicant and a deposit in the amount of the estimated cost shall be received prior to issuance of a notice to proceed.

K. Fratoni recused herself.

Motion PASSED (8-0-1).

4.2. **W1632 Selection of a Peer Review Consultant for Application of Benchmark Cascade, LLC for a permit to conduct regulated activities associated with a proposed mixed-use building located at 555 Middle Turnpike**

Tomecko MOVED, Cooley seconded, to authorize staff to engage the services of LandTech to provide independent review of the application. Pursuant to 8.6 of the Mansfield's Inland Wetlands Regulations, fees incurred for this review will be the responsibility of the applicant and a deposit in the amount of the estimated cost shall be received prior to issuance of a notice to proceed.

K. Fratoni recused herself.

Motion PASSED (8-0-1)

Cooley noted section 8.6 of the Wetlands Regulations with favor, and noted that not all towns have applicants pay for technical assessments as required, despite the importance of an independent review and the cost burden on the taxpayers that would be incurred without such a regulation.

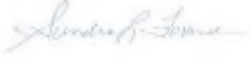
Aho spoke in regard to going back to in person meetings and Inland Wetlands Agency will start Hybrid Meetings on April 3, 2023.

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT

Aho adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandy Forand
Administrative Assistant