

## COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN

Section 1. There shall be an Inland Wetlands Commission of the Town of Voluntown to consist of five (5) members who shall be electors of the Town of Voluntown.

Section 2. The Inland Wetlands Commissions of the Town of Voluntown shall have all the authority provided Inland Wetlands Commissions under the statutes of the State of Connecticut and shall promulgate such regulations, in conformity with the State regulations and State statutes as are necessary to protect the wetlands and water courses within its territorial limits.

Section 3. The initial membership of the Inland Wetlands Commission shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Voluntown so that the terms of office of three (3) of its members shall expire on the date of the town biennial election in November 1975 and the terms of office of two (2) other members shall expire on the date of the town biennial election in November of 1977. Thereafter as the term of each member expires, the successor or successors shall be elected at the biennial election of the Town of Voluntown to serve for a term of four (4) years.

Section 4. If a vacancy occurs in the office of any member of the Inland Wetland Commission, it may be filled by appointment by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Voluntown until the next regular Town election, at which election a successor shall be elected for the unexpired portion of the term, the official ballot specifying the vacancy to be filled.

Section 5. The Inland Wetlands Commission shall hold a public hearing prior to the adoption or subsequent amendment of such regulations. Notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be published in a newspaper having a substantial circulation in the Town not more than fifteen (15) days and not less than five (5) days prior to the date of such hearing and a copy of the proposed regulations or amendments shall be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of such hearing. The regulations or amendments thereto shall become effective at such time as is fixed by the Inland Wetlands Commission, provided a copy of the regulations and amendments shall be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk and notice of adoption of the regulations and amendments shall have been published in a newspaper having substantial circulation in the Town.

Section 6. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing a copy of the regulations or amendments thereto shall be referred to the Voluntown Planning and Zoning Commission for review and comment.

Section 7. The effective date of this ordinance shall be fifteen (15) days after publication as provided in the General Statutes.

Passed at Town Meeting, May 23, 1974.