

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE
HARWINTON INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION**

SECTION 1. PREAMBLE: This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Revised to 2003, section 22-42(c) and amends the Ordinance Creating the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission (No. 36) adopted February 26, 1974.

SECTION 2. ALTERNATE MEMBERS: In addition to the seven (7) regular members, the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission shall have two (2) alternate members who shall be electors of the Town, elected at the annual town meeting, to serve for terms of three (3) years each or until their successors are chosen and qualified. Any vacancy in the term of an alternate member shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Selectmen until the next annual town meeting. The alternate members shall not be members of the same political party.

SECTION 3. DUTIES: An alternate member may be seated by the Chairman in place of a regular member who is absent, disqualified, or otherwise unable to participate, and such alternate member, when seated, shall have the authority of a regular member. Alternate members who are not seated may attend meetings, hearings and site inspections, but shall not participate in the decisions of the Commission unless first seated as a regular member. Alternate members need not be seated in strict rotation; however, the Chairman shall endeavor to be even-handed in the seating of alternate members.

SECTION 4. FAILURE TO ATTEND MEETINGS: Any alternate member of the Commission who is absent from three consecutive regular meetings and any intervening duly called special meetings shall be considered to have resigned from the commission, and the vacancy shall be filled as provided by this Ordinance except that the regular members of the Commission may vote to waive the requirements of this section in each case where illness or other extenuating circumstances make it impossible for an alternate member to meet the attendance requirements of this section.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall take effect as of the annual town meeting held February 18, 2003 for the purpose of electing the initial alternate members; however, the alternate members initially elected shall not assume office until they are qualified and sworn to office, and shall not participate in any decision of the Commission until fifteen (15) days after publication of a summary of

this Ordinance in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Revised to 2003, section 7-157(b).

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