



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue

Minutes of Meeting

A. MEMBERS PRESENT: Falk von Plachecki; Chairman, Darrell York; Vice Chairman, Sue Bruening, Michael Rogers, Jay Gigliotti; Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Denise Turner; BOS Liaison, Kamey Cavanaugh, Clerk, and Applicants representation.

ABSENT: Rebecca Meyer & Michele Kosmo

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman von Plachecki called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 10, 2021

Motion made by S. Bruening to approve the minutes of March 10, 2021. Motion was seconded by D. York. Motion carried unanimously.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

E. PENDING APPLICATIONS

A. W2021-3061- 25 Colburn Drive, Paul Burba – Applicant / Owner, Assessors Map 02-06 Lot 037-01A, proposed man made pond within the URA.

J. Gigliotti reported to the commission of revised plans that have been received and all staff comments have been addressed. Mr. Reynolds, representing the applicant was present for discussion.

Mark Reynolds, representing the applicant, briefly reviewed with the commission the revised map.

D. York moved to APPROVE W2021-3061- 25 Colburn Drive, Paul Burba – Applicant / Owner, Assessors Map 02-06 Lot 037-01A, proposed man made pond within the URA. Motion was seconded by M. Rogers. Motion carried unanimously.

F. NEW APPLICATIONS – None

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G. OLD BUSINESS – None

H. NEW BUSINESS-

A. Preliminary Discussion, 68 Mill Lane West, Brian Mandeville, installation of drain

Mr. Mandeville was before the commission looking to install a pipe in his yard to have the water that is currently going into his basement flow back to the existing pond in his yard.

Chairman von Plachecki expressed concerns with the drainage from the proposed pipe and suggested Mr. Mandeville check with the zoning office and town engineer for further information. In addition, expressed concerns with having a footing drain run directly into a wetland.

M. Rogers suggested a few members of the commission make a site visit; Mr. Mandeville welcomed the idea. Chairman von Plachecki asked staff to schedule the site walk and asked Mr. Mandeville to present a plan to the commission for further discussion.

I. ENFORCEMENT-

A. 91 Amston Road- A notice of violation has been sent to the owners of 91 Amston Road regarding activity (clearing, etc.) within a wetland and upland review area.

J. CONSERVATION

A. J. Gigliotti reported to the commission the Open Space Grant that was awarded for 65 acres on Middletown Road, however the town was only given 1/3 of the grant money needed for the purchase. Since then staff has presented to the Board of Selectman and the Board of Finance receiving a favorable vote from both agency's requesting the additional \$87000 to complete the purchase.

K. CORRESPONDENCE

Administrative Permits Issued:

- A.** 53 Taylor Road – Above ground pool and deck
- B.** 27 Red School House Road – Addition to existing garage
- C.** 39 Cragin Court – Clearing of some vegetation behind the library
- D.** 212 Stanavage Road – New construction driveway
- E.** 119 Melanie Lane – Clearing of overgrown vegetation

J. Gigliotti working with the property owners of Comstock Bridge Road property, submitted an assessment grant to the CT Brownfield office, \$27500, for a supplemental Phase I and a full Phase II environmental site assessment. The grant has been submitted on behalf of the property owners with the intent to transfer the property to either the town or the State for passive recreation purposes.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by D. York to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Motion was seconded by S. Bruening. Motion carried unanimously. Chairman von Plachecki adjourned the April 14, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, *Kamey Cavanaugh*

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