



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue

Minutes of Meeting

A. MEMBERS PRESENT: Falk von Plachecki; Chairman; Michael Rogers, Sue Bruening, Michele Kosmo & Rebecca Meyer & Jay Gigliotti; Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Kamey Cavanaugh, Clerk, Denise Turner, BOS liaison, and Applicants.

ABSENT: Darrell York

CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman von Plachecki called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA -

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 11, 2021

Motion made by M. Rogers to approve the minutes of August 11, 2021. Motion was seconded by S. Bruening. Motion carried; Rebecca Meyer abstained.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

E. PENDING APPLICATIONS –

F. NEW APPLICATIONS –

A. W2021-3066 – Modification of permit #W2021-3064- Resubdivision, Cabin Road, Proposed sewer connection.

Jay Gigliotti reported on the modification of W2021-3064 first stating the lots were approved in July on septic systems, however, due to an issue with a zoning regulation, the plan needs to be changed to connect the new lots to the public water and sewer. To complete this, it is proposed to install a sewer line that would traverse the open space and go under the brook to a manhole at an existing sewer line. The proposal is not to physically cross the brook, but to directionally bore from one manhole through the sewer easement, under the brook, and out another manhole. A schematic was shown for the commissions review.

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J. von Plachecki
Chairman

John Doran, applicant, noted the boring occurs with a set up outside the wetlands, near Jordan Lane, and it is a directional boring, 54" deep, and continues through the easement. Water is used in the process, boring through the earth, using (2) 3" schedule 80 force main pipes taking approximately 4 days to complete. A primary and secondary reserve pipe will be installed. Jay Gigliotti stated a favorable review has been received from Sal Tassone, Town Engineer. Rebecca Myer asked how remediation would occur if there is a break of the pipe in the open space area, and questioned if it is water that is used to force the piping through. John Doran stated water is used to assist the drilling. The piping is schedule 80, therefore a break or a mishap are slim to none. There is a backup generator that will be installed along with an alarm system if there is a fault. Should the primary force main fail, sewage will automatically be switched to the seconded force main.

Motion made by M. Rogers to approve modification of permit #W2021-3064- Resubdivision, Cabin Road, Proposed sewer connection. Motion was seconded by R. Meyer. Motion carried

G. OLD BUSINESS –

H. NEW BUSINESS-

I. ENFORCEMENT-

- A. 72 Woodbine Road- J. Gigliotti has been in contact with the property owner and provided them with an as built of their property pointing out the easement on the lot. The property owner is working with staff on a remediation plan and hopes to be before the commission at the next meeting.

J. CONSERVATION

K. CORRESPONDENCE

Administrative Permits Issued:

- A. 8 Kramer Road – gravel parking area
- B. Reappointment of members procedures was discussed
- C. 303 Westchester Road; timber harvest- Jay Gigliotti showed the commission a map layout of 303 Westchester Road and a proposed timber harvest with a small area of wetland.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by S. Bruening to adjourn at 7:28 pm. Motion was seconded by M. Rogers. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman von Plachecki adjourned the September 8, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting at 7:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kamey Cavanaugh

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