

COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Room 1

Minutes of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Falk von Plachecki; Chairman, Darrell York; Vice-Chairman, Rebecca Meyer, Michael Rogers and Jay Gigliotti; Wetlands Enforcement Officer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sue Bruening, Seth Travis and James Ford; BOS Liaison

A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

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

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Jay Gigliotti asked the commission to remove item B under new applications and relocate it as Item A under old business.

So moved by R. Meyer. Seconded by D. York. All Members voted in Favor. Motion Carried.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

Motion made by D. York to approve the 2/13/19 Meeting Minutes as written.

Seconded by R. Meyer. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

E. PENDING APPLICATIONS – None

F. NEW APPLICATIONS –

W2019-3030- 27 Red Schoolhouse Road, Troy Shumbo & Brittany Doran-Applicant/Owner, Assessor's Map 03-15 Lot 007-008, application for regulated activities DRD 4/12/19

J Gigliotti explained this application was made in response to an enforcement, discussed during the 1/9/19 CCC Meeting. The application for regulated activity includes the deposit of stone, to create a path to an existing shed and the relocation of a second shed. The majority of the work is located within the URA, however, a small section of the path passes through the edge of a small, isolated wetland located in the northern portion of the property.

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The property owners; Troy Shumbo & Brittany Doran, were present and addressed the commission. They explained their property and proposal.

The commission discussed the location and reason for the improvements with the property owners. CCC members expressed concern regarding the section of the path which passes through the northerly wetland. Discussion followed regarding the relocation of the path so as it does not pass through the wetland.

The property owners were willing to relocate the path around the wetland. They shall work with staff to revise the location of the path for the next meeting.

Motion made by D York table application W2019-3030. Seconded by M. Rogers. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried

G. OLD BUSINESS-

W2019-3031-Windham Avenue Subdivision, Peter Carli- Applicant, Assessor's Map 006-004 Lot 007, Proposed 37 Lot subdivision, proposed regulated activities

This item is a continuation of a preliminary discussion from the previous meeting in January. An application has not been submitted at this time.

Mark Reynolds, P.E. was present to review the proposal and highlight some of the revisions the applicant has made since the January meeting. After discussions with staff and the open space advisory committee, the applicant is now proposing a fee in lieu of open space land. The majority of the previously shown open space land shall be kept in its natural state and be used as a community forest.

The CCC discussed the use of rain gardens on the lots and the idea of providing education to property owners about the wetlands and rain gardens. Also, regulating the use of the pond and the use of lawn fertilizers were discussed. The homeowners association would be a good mechanism for this. Mr. Reynolds indicated the application will include a draft association operation and management plan to encompass these items.

H. NEW BUSINESS- None

I. ENFORCEMENT- None

J. CONSERVATION- None

K. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Wetland Administrative Permits Issued- No Wetland Administrative permits were issued since 1/9/19.

b. Staff updates & other correspondence

J Gigliotti discussed several grants the town has been awarded and when the work shall commence.

The CT DEEP is sponsoring a Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Course on 4/5/19. The course details how to appropriately administer water quality monitoring. CCC members to let staff know if interested.

Chairman von Plachecki explained to the commission that Mr. Ford, CCC BOS Liaison, is resigning from the Board of Selectmen. The commission asked staff to thank him for his service on behalf of the CCC.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by D. York to adjourn the February 13, 2019 Colchester Conservation Commission Meeting. Seconded by R. Meyer. All members voted in Favor. Motion Carried

Chairman von Plachecki adjourned the February 13, 2019 Conservation Commission meeting at 7:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Jay Gigliotti, Wetlands Agent