

**Town of Colchester
Open Space Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes of virtual meeting
Regular Meeting of 3/14/22**

Members Present: Chairman Will Hochholzer, Mary Stevens, Lindsay Floyd, BOS Liaison Rosemary Coyle and Town Staff Jay Gigliotti

Members Absent: Vice-Chairman Ted Fuini, Kris Barnard

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Will Hochholzer called the 3/14/22 OSAC Meeting to order at 6:00pm
2. **Citizens Comments:** None
3. **Approval of the 2/14/22 Meeting Minutes:**

Lindsay Floyd motioned to approve the 2/14/22 OSAC meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Mary Stevens. All members voted in Favor. Motion Carried.

4. **Open Space:**

A. Bigelow Road 2-Lot Resubdivision- Open Space Fee in Lieu

Jay Gigliotti explained an application for a 2-Lot Resubdivision had been submitted to the Planning & Zoning Commission, by Marino Construction, LLC. The property is located on Bigelow Road and consists of just under 4 acres. The property abuts a portion of the Salmon River State Forest. Jay Gigliotti provided the commission with a series of maps and plans showing the property and the resubdivision layout. The Zoning Regulations requires the applicant to provide for open space. The property contains a fair amount of ledge and is limited in terms of actual land that could be set aside for open space purposes. Staff has met with the applicant and discussed options to meet the open space requirement. Based on the overall size of the property and the amount of undesirable land (ledge and steep slopes), it was determined that a fee in lieu of open space would be the most acceptable way to meet the open space requirement. The OSAC discussed the potential for a wildlife relocation program versus accepting the fee in lieu. The Subdivision regulations will need to be amended to allow for additional ways an applicant can comply with the open space requirements. Jay Gigliotti will follow up with the Town Planner to discuss the potential to include alternate forms of meeting the open space requirement in the subdivision regulations.

Motion made by Mary Stevens to recommend an open space fee in lieu to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Marino Construction, LLC, Bigelow Road 2-Lot Resubdivision. Seconded by Lindsay Floyd. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

5. **Any Other Business Deemed Necessary:**

Election of Officers was tabled until a full OSAC membership was present.

6. **Adjournment**

Lindsay Floyd motioned to adjourn the Regular 3/14/22 Meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee. Seconded by Mary Stevens. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Chairman Will Hochholzer adjourned the March 14, 2022 OSAC Meeting at 6:38pm
Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Gigliotti

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