

Town of Colchester
Open Space Advisory Committee
Monday, February 8, 2021
6pm Virtual Meeting Held via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: Vice Chairman Ted Fuini, Mary Stevens

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman William Hochholzer called the 2/8/21 OSAC Meeting to order at 6:00pm
2. **Citizens Comments:** None
3. **Approval of the January 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes:**

Kris Bernard motioned to approve the 1/11/21 OSAC meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Lindsay Floyd. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

4. **Open Space:**

A. Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition Program

Jay Gigliotti explained that he has been contacted by a UCONN student with a Wildlife management major and the course that she is enrolled in requires her to develop a wildlife management plan for a land owner. The student, Miss Trembly, a Colchester resident, contacted the Town to see if there is any interest in having a wildlife management plan completed on one of the town properties. The parcel must have 10 acres and 100 acre maximum. Mr. Gigliotti has a meeting scheduled with First Selectman Bylone to highlight the facts of the proposal. The Ruby Cohen property could be a fit for this project or the land behind Bacon Academy might also be an option. Chairman Hochholzer thought the Ruby Cohen parcel would be a good fit as it has the diversity of habitat with the field, the pond, wetland system and upland forest that could be expanded on with ideas.

B. Brownfield Grant Discussion

Jay Gigliotti spoke of the Office of Community & Economic Development which has put out a notice for a funding opportunity for Brownfield dollars. There are a couple different types that can be explored. The discussion of the two Mill properties; one on River Road and the one on Comstock Bridge Road, that have a large amount of water frontage along the Jeremy River, both in excess of 2500 linear feet, owners that are willing to transfer them to the Town of State, and both have Brownfield issue of potential contaminants. There is a two-step process to this. First steps would be to submit a pre-application and wait for the screening to take place to see if either of the properties are a match.

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

Chairman Hochholzer reported on a notice received a mailing dated 1/27/2021, giving direction on the proper way staff should be noticing meetings with agendas and minutes.

6. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Lindsay Floyd to adjourn the 2/8/21 Regular Meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee. Seconded by Kris Bernard. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Chairman William Hochholzer adjourned the February 8, 2021 OSAC Meeting at 6:32pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jay Gigliotti