

**Town of Colchester
Open Space Advisory Committee
Monday, September 14, 2020
6pm Virtual Meeting Held via Zoom
Meeting Minutes**

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

Members Absent: None

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman William Hochholzer called the 9/14/20 OSAC Meeting to order at 6:00pm
2. **Citizens Comments:** None
3. **Approval of the July 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes:**

Mary Stevens motioned to approve the 7/13/20 OSAC meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Lindsay Floyd. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

4. **Open Space:**

A. Stanavage Rd- New Subdivision

Jay Gigliotti informed the OSAC that the application for a 6-lot subdivision on Stanavage Road has been withdrawn. The OSAC discussed the potential for a fee in lieu of open space for this application. The applicant has informed staff that he shall not be moving forward with the project due to the costs involved with constructing the road.

B. Colchester/UCONN PATHS Partnership

The Town was awarded a CT DEEP Recreational Trails Program Grant in 2019 to construct a trail that would make a connection between the Richard Goodwin Trail and the Airline Trail. A component of the grant award included developing ways to promote physical activity through trail use.

To accomplish the task of promoting trail use, the Town has partnered with UCONN PATHS (People Active on Trails for Health & Sustainability), to develop an interactive trail resource brochure. The brochure will highlight trail resources in Colchester and the seven abutting towns. The brochure will have QR code links to GPS enabled maps and other features given users easy to access info on these trail resources. The brochure focuses on family-friendly trail types.

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

The OSAC discussed the status Town Green Bike & Pedestrian Project. Jay Gigliotti explained the Planning & Zoning Department continues to work with the Historic District Commission to obtain the approvals necessary to carry out the improvements to the green. The OSAC discussed options and what the process might look like moving forward. Lindsay Floyd offered to assist in any way she could. Jay Gigliotti shall keep the OSAC advised on the status of the project.

6. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Mary Stevens to adjourn the 9/14/20 Regular Meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee. Seconded by Kris Barnard. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

Chairman William Hochholzer adjourned the September 14, 2020 OSAC Meeting at 6:21pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jay Gigliotti