



# *Town of Colchester, Connecticut*

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**Planning & Zoning Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
June 3, 2020  
ZOOM Meeting @ 7:00 pm**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** –Chairman Joseph Mathieu called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.  
**ROLL CALL-**

**Members Present:** Chairman Joseph Mathieu, Vice Chairman John Novak, Jason Tinelle, Secretary, Mark Noniewicz, Meaghan Kehogreen and Bruce Hayn.

**Members Absent:** Beverly Seeley

**Others Present:** Matthew Bordeaux, Planner

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – NONE**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 20, 2020**

*B. Hayne MOTIONED to APPROVE the minutes of May 6, 2020 with one typographical correction. SECONDED by J. Novak. MOTION CARRIED.*

4. **PUBLIC HEARING- NONE**

5. **FIVE MINUTE SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC – NONE**

6. **PENDING APPLICATIONS – NONE**

7. **NEW APPLICATIONS – NONE**

8. **PRELIMINARY REVIEWS-**

**A. NERP Holdings and Acquisitions Company, LLC  
Regulation Text Amendment of Section 8.1.1.A.2.**

M. Bordeaux provide a brief description of the requested amendment and at the representatives of NERP Holding and Acquisitions request, continue any discussion of this item to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

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**9. OLD BUSINESS –**

**A. Endorsement of Open Space and Watershed Acquisition Grant Application for proposed acquisition of property on Middletown Rd. known as Assessor's Map 4W-09, Lot 013-000**

M. Bordeaux reported that on February 12, 2020, The Colchester Conservation Commission unanimously voted to support and endorse the Town's application to the CT DEEP Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program, for the acquisition of 65 Acres of vacant land located on Middletown Road (Route 16). The land shall be acquired for open space purposes and if successful shall contribute to achieving open space goals identified in the Town's Open Space Plan and Plan of Conservation & Development.

Acquisition of this property would protect natural resources, including the Pine Brook watercourse, conserve wildlife habitat and a Natural Diversity Database area, and help mitigate climate change. In addition, the property is strategically located within the state-designated Pine Brook Greenway.

The Planning and Zoning Commission is being asked to support the application.

***M. Noniewicz MOTIONED to SUPPORT the Town of Colchester application for the Open Space and Watershed Acquisition Program Grant to acquire 65 acres of undeveloped open space on Middletown Road adjacent the Pine Brook.***

***The proposed open space acquisition project is consistent with the 2015 Colchester Plan of Conservation and Development and specifically the efforts stated in Section 3.2 Protect Natural Resources and Section 3.4 Preserve Open Space. The proposal is also consistent with the goals and objectives of the 2006 Town of Colchester Open Space Plan. SECONDED by M. Kehoegreen. MOTION CARRIED – 5-1-0 B. Hayn voted NO.***

**10. NEW BUSINESS-**

**11. PLANNING ISSUES AND DISCUSSION**

**A. Settlers Green Zone Change**

**12. CORRESPONDENCE –**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

***B. Hayn MOTIONED to adjourn the June 3, 2020 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting at 7:36PM. SECONDED by M. Noniewicz. MOTION CARRIED.***

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kamey Cavanaugh*, Clerk

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