



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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## COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue

### Minutes of Meeting

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Falk von Plachecki; Chairman, Michael Rogers, Rebecca Meyer, Jay Gigliotti, Wetlands Enforcement Officer

**Members Absent:** Sue Bruening, Michelle Kosmo, Darrell York

### CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

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

### B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA –

### C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 8, 2020

*Motion made by R. Meyer to approve the minutes of January 8, 2020 as written. Motion was seconded by M. Rogers. Motion carried 3-0-0.*

### D. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

### E. PENDING APPLICATIONS –

**A. W2019-3050- 13 Reservoir Road, Double Down, LLC- Applicant/ Owner,  
Assessors Map 02-02 Lot 012-000, proposed 4-Lot Subdivision. DRD 2.14.20**

J. Gigliotti reported to the applicant has requested an extension.

*Motion made by R. Meyer to table W2019-3050- 13 Reservoir Road, Double Down, LLC- Applicant/ Owner, Assessors Map 02-02 Lot 012-000, proposed 4-Lot Subdivision to the next regular scheduled meeting. Motion was seconded by M. Rogers. Motion carried 3-0-0*

**B. W2020-3051- 489 Old Hartford Road, Night Watch Properties – Applicant/ Owner,  
Assessors Map 05-10 Lot 025-000, Proposed Mini- Storage**

J. Gigliotti reported to the commission all of town staff comments have been addressed, with the exception of zoning issues from the town engineer. All revisions requested from Jay have been addressed.

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Mike Tarbell, representing the applicant was before the commission and provided them with a description of the property and the location of the proposed mini storage units. The onsite parking was discussed and noted the amount of pervious pavement exceeds what is required by the regulations.

*Motion made by R. Meyer to approve application W2020-3051- 489 Old Hartford Road, Night Watch Properties – Applicant/ Owner, Assessors Map 05-10 Lot 025-000, Proposed Mini- Storage. Motion was seconded by M. Rogers. Motion carried 3-0-0*

**F. NEW APPLICATIONS – None**

**G. OLD BUSINESS – None**

**H. NEW BUSINESS –**

A member of Eagle Scout Troop 72 was before the commission. On behalf of the Eagle Scouts he would like to construct / reconstruct a couple of bridges in need of repair. This will come before the commission in March with a plan.

**I. ENFORCEMENT –**

J. Gigliotti reported to the commission for activity at 803 Middletown Road. In January a building permit was received for a pool and a deck; with further review from staff it appeared the pool and deck were going to be situated in the upland review area, and after inspection it had become known the pool and deck were already constructed. The watercourse was pointed out for the commission and the location of the pool and deck. After further review from the commission they instructed Jay to issue an administrative permit for the activity.

**J. CONSERVATION –**

J. Gigliotti provided a copy of the Town of Colchester Open Space map. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, the State Bond Commission voted to approve numerous programs, one being Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program, administered by DEEP. The program is accepting applications with a June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. There is a 65 acre parcel on Route 16, across from Skinner Road, which is currently listed for sale, and staff is in the process of further review to see if this would be a fit for the application of the grant.

**K. CORRESPONDENCE –**

- A. Administrative Permits - None
- B. Staff updates & other correspondence-

J. Gigliotti showed the commission photographs of the Windham Avenue subdivision that is underway. The Phase I wetland crossing has been constructed and photographs were shown to the commission; noting that staff is very pleased with the progress so far.

J. Gigliotti spoke with the Norton Park Committee regarding Open Space and the Airline Trail. They provided staff with flyer showing a conception plan of what the park will look like when complete.

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Chairman von Plachecki received an email with a letter attached from the First Selectman advising Commission members of a FOI meeting scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm at Town Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion made by R. Meyer to adjourn at 7:42pm. Motion was seconded by M. Rogers. Motion carried unanimously*

Chairman von Plachecki adjourned the February 19, 2020 Conservation Commission meeting at 7:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Kamey Cavanaugh*, Clerk