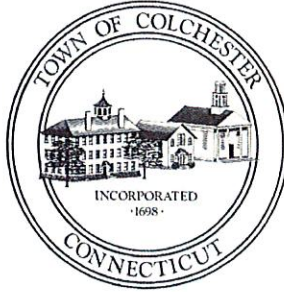


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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, December 13, 2023 - 7:00 PM  
Town Hall - Meeting Room 2  
MINUTES**

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**Members Present:** Chairman Falk Von Plachecki, Rebecca Meyer, Michelle Kosmo, Micheal Rogers, Susan Bruening, Wetlands Enforcement Officer Daniel Hickey

**Members Absent:** Mary Tremblay, Denise Turner (BOS Liaison)

**1. REGULAR MEETING 7:00 P.M.:**

- A. **Call to Order** - Chairman F. Von Plachecki called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM
- B. **Additions to Agenda** - None
- C. **Approval of Minutes** - M. Kosmo made the motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2023 Regular Meeting, seconded by R. Meyer. Motion passed (5-0).
- D. **Public Comment** - None
- E. **Pending Applications** - None
- F. **New Applications**

- 1. **W2023-3090** - 15 Ventura Dr; Justin Williams - Applicant/Owner; Assessor's ID 03-05-023-021; Proposed single family home, driveway, garage, deck, septic system, site grading, and erosion & sediment controls within Upland Review Area.

The Commission reviewed the application packet provided by D. Hickey. F. Von Plachecki explained how the subdivision was originally approved by the Commission, however due to the change in location of the proposed construction a new permit is needed. S. Bruening made the motion to table application W2023-3090, seconded by M. Rogers. Motion passed (5-0).

- 2. **W2023-3091** - 111 Pine Brook Rd; Daniel Durrenberger - Applicant/Owner; Assessor's ID 4w-09-004-000; Proposed restoration and enhancement of man-made pond with excavation, dredging, and site grading.
- 3. The Commission reviewed the application packet provided by D. Hickey. D. Hickey explained the details of the proposed work to the commission and mentioned that the applicant proposed the option of pumping the water from the pond to the connected stream prior to work. F. Von Plachecki stated concerns about this option and asked D. Hickey to check if there's zoning regulations related to increasing stream volume. M. Kosmo raised concerns regarding wildlife that may reside within the pond, D. Hickey stated there were no signs of

life visible at the time of his site visit, however, there may be amphibians hibernating within the bottom layers of the pond. M. Rogers requested the applicant to think about adding beneficial vegetation after completing the work. M. Rogers made the motion to table application W2023-3091, seconded by M. Kosmo. Motion passed (5-0)

**G. Old Business - None**

**H. New Business**

**1. Elections for 2024 officers**

S. Bruening nominated R. Meyer as Vice Chairman.

F. Von Plachecki asked if there were any additional nominations. There were none.

S. Bruening made the motion to elect R. Meyer as Vice Chairman, seconded by M. Rogers. Motion passed (4-0). R. Meyer abstained.

M. Kosmo nominated F. Von Plachecki as Chairman.

R. Meyer asked if there were any additional nominations. There were none.

M. Kosmo made the motion to elect F. Von Plachecki as Chairman, seconded by R. Meyer. Motion passed (4-0). F. Von Plachecki abstained.

**I. Enforcement - Updates from the WEO – D. Hickey advised the commission that a second Notice of Wetland Concerns has been sent to 527 Parum Rd via certified mail with return service.**

**J. Conservation - None**

**K. Correspondence**

**1. Wetland Administrative Permits Issued**

**a. W2023-3088** - 1 Scott Hill Rd; Jennifer Reid - Applicant/Owner; Assessor's ID 02-02-012-001; Proposed 14' x 20' shed with a gravel pad, 16' x 16' shed, 8' x 8' chicken coop, and timber clearing within 75' Upland Review Area. **APPROVED WITH STANDARD CONDITIONS**

**b. W2023-3089** - 111 Pine Brook Rd; Dan Durrenberger - Applicant/Owner; Assessor's ID 4W-09-004-000; Proposed 40' x 60' accessory building, driveway, parking area, site grading and erosion & sediment controls within 75' Upland Review Area. **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS.**

**c. W2023-3092** - 364 Old Hartford Rd; Colchester Veterinary Hospital - Applicant/Owner; Assessor's ID 09-00-001-000; Proposed 30' x 10' kennel expansion and erosion & sediment controls within 75' Upland Review Area. **APPROVED WITH STANDARD CONDITIONS**

**2. Staff Updates & Other Correspondence – None**

**L. Adjournment-** R. Meyer made the motion to adjourn the meeting, M. Kosmo seconded the motion. Motion passed (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Hickey, Wetlands Enforcement Officer