

## Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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## **COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting Wednesday, January 12, 2022 Virtual Meeting held via Zoom Minutes of Meeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT**: Falk von Plachecki; Chairman; Michael Rogers, Sue Bruening, Rebecca Meyer, Michael Kosmo & Jay Gigliotti; Wetlands Enforcement Officer and Applicants.

- A. <u>CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER</u> Chairman von Plachecki called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. <u>ADDITIONS TO AGENDA</u> None.
- C. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> December 8, 2021

Motion made by M. Kosmo to approve the minutes of December 8, 2021. Motion was seconded by M. Rogers. Motion carried.

- D. PUBLIC COMMENTS None
- E. <u>PENDING APPLICATIONS</u>
  - A. <u>W2021-3067</u> Michael Poresky Applicant/Owner, Shailor Hill Road, Assessor's Map 05-16 Lot 017-000, proposed driveway crossing, watercourse and URA impacts. *Motion by S. Bruening to accept extension request and table discussion, seconded by M. Rogers. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.*
  - **B.** W2021-3069 Incord Applicant, 76/96 Upton Road, LLC Owner, #76 & #96 Upton Road, Assessor's Map 09-00 lot 008-014 & 008-015, proposed construction of new warehouse building, parking and drainage facilities. Upland Review Area impacts.

Ellen Bartlett, speaking on behalf of the applicant, stated the driveway entrance has been reduced in size which moves it further from the wetlands. She spoke about the drainage and traffic flow. Bob Russo, soil scientist, discussed plans for mitigation of invasive species and application of wetlands seed mixture. R. Meyer motioned to approve the application with condition town engineer comments are satisfactorily addressed by applicant, seconded by M. Kosmo. Motion carried unanimously.

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## F. NEW APPLICATIONS -

- A. W2021-3070 Modification to Resubdivision permit #W2021-3064 Revised subdivision layout to include additional units. J. Gigliotti explained the layout for the previously approved application was changed from 6 to 24 housing units. It falls under statute 8-30g for Affordable Housing Plans. No changes to the road layout or drainage facilities. No direct wetland impacts. Rain gardens are proposed for each lot. Commission discussed underground infiltration systems instead of rain gardens. Maintenance of gardens is the responsibility of the homeowner with possible enforcement of the maintenance by a homeowners association. Motion by M. Kosmo to approve with condition town engineer comments are satisfactorily addressed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Rogers. Motion carried unanimously.
- G. OLD BUSINESS- None
- H. NEW BUSINESS None
- I. **ENFORCEMENT-** None
- J. **CONSERVATION** None
- K. CORRESPONDENCE
  - **A. Administrative Permits Issued:** Lakeview Dr addition to a garage. 341 Windham Ave shed/pool house.
  - **B.** <u>Updates:</u> CT Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Act turned 50 years old as of January 1, 2022. DEEP is restarting the inland wetlands commissioner certification program. Parking lot for Open Space parcel is being developed.

## L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by R Meyer to adjourn,  $2^{nd}$  by M Rogers. All members voted in Favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman von Plachecki adjourned the January 12, 2022 meeting at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Stacey Kilgus

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