

Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 9, 2022
Virtual Meeting held via Zoom
Minutes of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Falk von Plachecki; Chairman; Rebecca Meyer; Vice Chairman, Michael Rogers, Michele Kosmo, Mary Tremblay & Jay Gigliotti; Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Denise Turner, BOS Liaison, Stacey Kilgus; Recording Secretary and Applicants.

ABSENT: Sue Bruening

- A. <u>CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER</u> Chairman von Plachecki called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed new commission alternate Mary Tremblay.
- B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA None.
- C. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> February 9, 2022 Motion by M. Rogers to approve the minutes. 2nd by M. Kosmo. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.
- D. PUBLIC COMMENTS None
- E. PENDING APPLICATIONS
 - a. <u>W2022-3071</u> CMMD, LLC Applicant/Owner, Old Amston Road, Assessor's Map 06-06 Lot 017-000, drainage improvements, upland review area and direct wetland impacts. DRD 4/15/22 J. Gigliotti summarized the application and shared photos of the site. Mark Reynolds spoke on behalf of the applicant and stated no planting or other changes will be performed going forward. Some remaining debris was left on the site. M. Kosmo motioned to approve the existing trenching and drainage work previously done on the property. 2nd by R. Meyer. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.
- F. NEW APPLICATIONS None

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- G. OLD BUSINESS- None
- H. NEW BUSINESS None
- I. ENFORCEMENT- None
- J. CONSERVATION
 - a. 548 Lebanon Avenue Request for work within Conservation Easement. Property owner did some clearing within the marked Conservation Easement. The town received a call from someone who witnessed the changes. Wetlands Agent J. Gigliotti observed the site and contacted the owner. He is requesting permission to relocate some grape vines from their current location to new spots near the stone wall along the road. Most of the work proposed by the applicant is within the wetlands on the property. The commission chose to table the discussion until the property owner can be reached for clarification on questions about plant species and the process he plans to use to relocate the grape plants, as machinery is not allowed with in the easement.

K. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Administrative Permits Issued: None
- B. Staff Updates: The Habitat Newsletter is now in digital format only.
- L. <u>ADJOURNMENT Motion made by R Meyer to adjourn, 2nd by M Kosmo. All members voted in Favor. Motion carried unanimously.</u> Chairman von Plachecki adjourned the meeting at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Stacey Kilgus

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