

COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Wednesday, October 10, 2012
Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Room 2
Minutes of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Falk von Plachecki, Chairman; Kurt Frantzen, Vice Chairman; Moe Epstein, and Sue Bruening (arrived 7:10 p.m.); Alternate: Andrew George and Erika Fuery, Staff: Wetlands Enforcement Officer: Jay Gigliotti; and Clerk: Gail Therian;

MEMBERS ABSENT Darrell York: and Jim Ford, Board of Selectmen Liaison

A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman von Plachecki called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A. George and E. Fuery were seated as voting members.

B ADDITIONS TO AGENDA -

J. Gigliotti asked the Commission to add, under "Item G, New Business" -- "A. 2013 Meeting Schedule"; under "Item J -- Conservation" -- "A. -- Tractor Supply Company Proposed Conservation Easement"; and Item K -- "Correspondence" Item B Steve Fedus Request for Refund of Fees" to the Agenda.

Chairman von Plachecki asked that under "Item J" -- Conservation -- "B - Nature Conservancy Grant" be added.

Motion by K. Frantzen, seconded by M. Epstein to amend tonight's agenda as recommended in the previous conversation. **Motion carried unanimously.**

C APPROVAL OF MINUTES -- Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2012

Motion by K. Frantzen, seconded by A. George to approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2012 meeting as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT -- None

E. PENDING APPLICATIONS

- A. W2012-2952- Steve Ostroski, Foxridge & Pickerel Lake Rd, Assessor's Map 3-20 Lot# 29, 2-Lot Subdivision w/ no public improvements. No URA or wetland impacts. DRD 11.16.12**

J. Gigliotti reviewed the location of this proposed subdivision and said that there are no wetland or Upland Review Area impacts. He told the Commission that a revised plan was submitted this afternoon and Staff had not reviewed the plan as of yet. He said that the finger of wetlands that had been missing in the original plan had been included in the revised plan. He distributed a letter from James Sipperly, Certified Soil Scientist dated October 10, 2012. He told the Commission that the Decision Required Date for action on this application was November 16, 2012. No Open Space is required as it is a family subdivision.

Motion by K. Frantzen, seconded by M. Epstein to approve W2012-2952 Steve Ostroski, Foxridge & Pickerel Lake Road as presented seeing that there are no wetlands or Upland Review Area impacts. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman von Plachecki said that S. Bruening had now arrived, so A. George would be seated as a voting member and E. Fuery would step down as a voting member.

F. NEW APPLICATIONS- None

G. NEW BUSINESS --

A. 2013 Meeting Schedule

Motion by K. Frantzen, seconded by S. Bruening to approve the 2013 Meeting Schedule as drafted. **Motion carried unanimously.**

H. OLD BUSINESS -- None

I. ENFORCEMENTS -- None

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J. CONSERVATION -

A. Tractor Supply Company Proposed Conservation Easement

J. Gigliotti gave a brief background on this approved application and said that the Tractor Supply Company and the Army Corp of Engineers had reached an agreement regarding protection of an area of land for the proposed project. A Conservation Easement will be deeded to the Town to protect this area. Tractor Supply has received a Water Quality Certification from the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. He explained that a recommendation needed to be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen from this Commission. Discussion followed regarding access to the Conservation Easement.

Motion by K. Frantzen, seconded by S. Bruening to accept the Conservation Easement being proposed and a recommendation be submitted to the Board of Selectmen. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Nature Conservancy Grant

F. von Plachecki told the Commission that the Nature Conservancy has awarded a \$40,000 Grant for study of water testing in the Salmon River Watershed.

K. CORRESPONDENCE -

A. As of Right Colchester Conservation Commission Application

J. Gigliotti presented the draft of the As of Right Colchester Conservation Commission Application. Commission members made comments and additions to the application including an attachment of Section 4 of the Inland Wetlands Regulations as a reference, list of items that are not included as of right, site plan or sketch and signatures of all the owners of the property. J. Gigliotti will make the suggested additions and corrections and will present the revised application at the next meeting.

B. Steve Fedus Request for Refund of Fees

J. Gigliotti distributed a copy of letter dated October 9, 2012 from Steve Fedus requesting a refund of the Conservation Commission fees for the application that was denied at the September 12, 2012 meeting. J. Gigliotti explained what was covered under the base administration fee and the non significant fee. Discussion followed.

Motion by K. Frantzen, seconded by A. George to deny the request for the refund. **Motion carried unanimously.**

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by K. Frantzen, seconded by M. Epstein to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail N. Therian, Clerk .