

COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Wednesday, March 13, 2013
Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Room 3
Minutes of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Falk von Plachecki, Chairman; Kurt Frantzen, Vice Chairman; Moe Epstein, and Darrell York
Alternates: Andrew George and Erika Fuery; Jim Ford, Board of Selectmen Liaison Staff; Wetlands Enforcement Officer: Jay Gigliotti and Clerk: Gail Therian;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sue Bruening

A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman von Plachecki called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A. George was seated as voting member.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA -

J. Gigliotti asked the Commission to add a new item under Item G New Business - "C. - Town of Colchester, Engineering and Public Works Department Road Maintenance and Drainage Improvements Plan for 2013/2014". K. Frantzen asked that an Item D be added under Item G - New Business - "Discussion regarding Anticipated Update of the Plan of Conservation and Development as discussed at the last Board of Selectmen Meeting."

So moved, by A. George, seconded by K. Frantzen. **Motion carried unanimously.**

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2012

Motion by M. Epstein, seconded by D. York to approve the Minutes of the December 12, 2012 meeting as presented.
Abstentions: K. Frantzen and E. Fuery All others in favor. **Motion carried.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

E. PENDING APPLICATIONS -

- A. W2008-2888 - Renewal of Permit** Jeff Vullo, 501 Amston Road, Assessor's Map #6-6 Lot #03, As of Right Activity, Selective Timber Harvest.

J. Gigliotti gave a brief history of this application to the Commission. He said that the original permit will expire on April 9, 2013. The applicant has not begun the work and he feels it would be in the best interest of the applicant to renew this permit at this time. He said that the original permit also included repair of a culvert and said nothing has changed on the property. The applicant hopes to begin work shortly. He told the Commission that the renewal could be nothing less than three (3) years.

Carol Vullo, owner of the property, told the Commission that nothing has changed on the property or in the plan.

Motion by K. Frantzen, seconded by D. York to approval the renewal of W2008-2888, Jeff Vullo, 501 Amston Road, Assessor's Map #6-6 Lot #03, As of Right Activity, Selective Timber Harvest. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by K. Frantzen, seconded by D. York to amend the initial motion regarding the Renewal of Permit W2008-288 to set a time limit on the permit to no more than three (3) years, the new expiration of the permit date is April 9, 2016. **Motion carried unanimously.**

F. NEW APPLICATIONS- None

G. NEW BUSINESS -

A. Discussion of Changes to Regulations of Colchester Conservation Commission

K. Frantzen suggested that the Commission considering updating the Regulations of the Colchester Conservation Commission to incorporate the 2007- 2012 Legislative Updates and Regulations Advisory during this year. J. Gigliotti will send Legislative Updates to Commission members.

Motion by K. Frantzen, seconded by D. York that the Commission put together a plan for the revision of the Town of Colchester Inland and Wetlands and Watercourse Regulations during the calendar year with an eye towards completing it before the end of the year, in a timely fashion; and also to seek appropriate approval or review of the Planning and Zoning such that it can be accomplished in the year. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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Chairman von Plachecki appointed K. Frantzen the Chairman of the Subcommittee for the changes to the Regulations of the Colchester Conservation Commission and said that this item will be included on the Agenda each month.

B. Discussion of Planning and Zoning Commission's New Zoning Code

K. Frantzen presented his concerns regarding the draft Zoning Regulations in regards to conservation and wetlands issues. Discussion followed. Staff reminded the Commission members that the Town Planner and Zoning Enforcement Officer are still accepting comments on the Proposed Zoning Regulations.

Motion by K. Frantzen, seconded by D. York to table this topic for the time being to be discussed at a future date, yet to be determined, pending the scheduling of the formal release of the Zoning Code and to be included on all the Agendas until finalized. **Motion carried unanimously.**

C. Town of Colchester, Engineering and Public Works Department's Road Maintenance and Drainage Improvements Plan for 2013/2014

J. Gigliotti presented the Road Maintenance and Drainage Improvement Plan for 2013 - 2014 from the Engineering and Public Works Department. He told the Commission that this Plan is very similar to last year's Plan. Discussion followed.

Motion by D. York, seconded by A. George to approve the Road Maintenance and Drainage Improvements Plan for 2013/2014. **Motion carried unanimously**

D. Discussion regarding Anticipated Update of the Plan of Conservation and Development as discussed at the last Board of Selectmen Meeting.

K. Frantzen asked who would participate from the Conservation Commission on the Subcommittee for the Updating of the Plan of Conservation and Development. Chairman von Plachecki that he would most likely be part of the Subcommittee. Discussion followed regarding the process.

H. OLD BUSINESS -

A. Tony's Junkyard Update

J. Gigliotti told the Commission that he met with the owner and his representatives to explain the permit process and requirements. All work has stopped at the site. The Commission should see an application for the work shortly. Discussion followed.

I. ENFORCEMENTS -

A. 43 Red Schoolhouse

J. Gigliotti told the Commission that after the December 2012 meeting he issued a Notice of Violation for this violation. He said that the homeowner responded quickly on this and told him that the work was to clear several trees damaged by the previous storms. All issues have been addressed and he has rescinded the Notice of Violation.

B. 13 Rudden Lane

J. Gigliotti told the Commission that a complaint was received by a neighbor that a pond has been dug on this property. He said that Chairman von Plachecki had accompanied him on his last inspection and they had seen the pond and believe it is in the wetlands or a watercourse area. Discussion followed.

The Commission directed J. Gigliotti to issue a Notice of Violation to the homeowner.

J. CONSERVATION - None

K. CORRESPONDENCE -

A. Habitat

J. Gigliotti distributed the fall copy of the Habitat to Commission members and said he will have copies of the Winter edition of the Habitat for the next meeting.

Chairman von Plachecki reminded the Commission that the DEEP does offer training and J. Gigliotti has the information if anyone is interested in attending these trainings.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by K. Frantzen, seconded by D. York to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail N. Therian, Clerk .