

COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Wednesday, April 10, 2013
Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Room 1
Minutes of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Falk von Plachecki, Chairman; Kurt Frantzen, Vice Chairman; Moe Epstein, Darrell York (arrived 7:04 p.m.) and Sue Bruening (arrived 7:09 p.m.); Alternate: Erika Fuery; Jim Ford, Board of Selectmen Liaison Staff; Wetlands Enforcement Officer: Jay Gigliotti and Clerk: Gail Therian;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alternate: Andrew George

A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman von Plachecki called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. E. Fuery was seated as voting member.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA -

J. Gigliotti asked the Commission to add a new item under Item I Enforcement - "B. - 11 Skinner Road." and a new item under Item J Conservation - "A. - Woodbine Road."

So moved, by K. Frantzen, seconded by M. Epstein. **Motion carried unanimously.**

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2013

Motion by K. Frantzen, seconded by M. Epstein to approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2013 meeting as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

E. PENDING APPLICATIONS -None

F. NEW APPLICATIONS- None

A. W2013-2955 Nunzio Galatro - Old Amston Road. Assessor's Map #6-6, Lot 17, Application for removal of Junk vehicles stored within Wetlands/Watercourse and Upland Review Area

J. Gigliotti distributed copies of the submitted narrative and reminded the Commission that the applicant had been before them at the December 2012 meeting to present preliminary plans. He reviewed the background and purpose of the application. He told the Commission that the applicants have been working with staff to develop and submit this application. He applauded them for their efforts. No Staff reviews have been completed on the plans at this time.

Clint Webb, C. Webb & Associates, reviewed the December preliminary plan and briefly explained that vehicles can be removed without processing them. He stated they are proposing phasing of the project and explained the Erosion and Sediment Controls that will be used. Tracking pads shall be installed at the entrance and containment pads shall be installed to temporarily stage vehicles before loading for transport. He explained the function of the containment pad and discussed the proposed time line of the work. Discussion followed regarding the tracking pad and the timeline of the project.

Kimberly Clarke, Eolas Environmental, LLC, discussed the design and maintenance of the containment pad. She said that daily construction briefings will be conducted. This will allow for the review of the daily activities to alleviate potential hazards and plan of corrective actions if necessary. Discussion followed regarding spill control measures and a Site Monitor for the site. She then discussed the general characteristics of the site and the location of the vehicles in respect to the Wetlands. In response to K. Frantzen's question about storage capacity of the containment pad, she stated that she would provide the volume of the containment pad.

Motion by K. Frantzen, seconded by D. York to accept application W2013-2955, Nunzio Galatro, Old Amston Road, Assessor's Map #6-6, Lot 17, Application for removal of Junk vehicles stored within Wetlands/Watercourse and Upland Review Area and to table the application for review and consideration until the next meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

S. Bruening was seated as a voting member and E. Fuery stepped down as a voting member.

G. NEW BUSINESS -

A. Pickerel Lake

J. Gigliotti distributed a copy of a letter regarding the Pickerel lake Drawdown Request for the winter of 2013-2014. He said the Town of Colchester is requesting this drawdown on behalf of the Pickerel Lake Association to the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. He explained the drawdown procedure.

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The Commission reviewed the letter and made some corrections. J. Gigliotti will revise the letter and bring it back to the Commission.

H. OLD BUSINESS –

A. Continued Discussions of Proposed New Zoning Code

Chairman von Plachecki said that the Planning and Zoning Commission is working on the revisions to the new Zoning Code. He said that Public Hearings will be held in the near future for public input on the final draft of the Zoning Code. Discussion followed regarding the need for this item to remain on the agenda.

Motion by K. Frantzen, seconded by S. Bruening to dismiss this item under Old Business. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Continued Discussions of Proposed Revisions to Inland Wetland & Watercourse Regulations

J. Gigliotti distributed copies of a memo dated April 10, 2013 from K. Frantzen, Vice Chairman, regarding revisions to the Inland Water and Watercourse Regulations.

K. Frantzen said he reviewed several of the regulatory and legislative advisories of the CT DEEP and his suggestions for revisions to the Colchester Inland Water and Watercourse Regulations were included in this memo. He also mentioned a Flowchart from the 2012 Advisory that is not mandatory, but might, as a stand-alone document, provide guidance to applicants. J. Gigliotti stated that he would provide Commission members with the Flow Chart at the next meeting.

Discussion followed.

Motion by K. Frantzen, seconded by D. York that the next step is to produce a red-line version of the Regulations consistent with the Advisories of the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. **Motion carried unanimously.**

I. ENFORCEMENTS –

A. 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 as discussed at the March meeting. Per the Commissions directive, a Notice of Violation was issued on April 3, 2013. If there is no response to this Notice of Violation within the required ten (10) days, a second Notice of Violation will be issued.

B. 11 Skinner Road

J. Gigliotti told the Commission that it appears that the property owner has continued to clear the land within a regulated area. The home owner recently applied for a building permit for a shed and J. Gigliotti did not sign off on the application due to potential Wetlands violations. He is meeting with the home owner on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 to discuss his intentions and remediation.

J. CONSERVATION -

A. Woodbine Road

J. Gigliotti said a homeowner on Woodbine Road contacted him regarding a damaged tree on the edge of a Conservation Easement. The tree has a Conservation Easement placard on it. During an inspection, J. Gigliotti told the homeowner that he could take down the damaged portion of the tree, but must leave the placard on the remaining portion of the tree.

K. CORRESPONDENCE - None

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by D. York, seconded by M. Epstein to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail N. Therian, Clerk