

**COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting Wednesday, July 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 and Sue Bruening (arrived 7:04); Alternate: Erika Fuery and Andrew George; Staff: Wetlands Enforcement Officer: Jay Gigliotti and Clerk: Gail Therian;

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Jim Ford, Board of Selectmen Liaison

**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 a voting member.

**B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2013**

**Motion** by K. Frantzen, seconded by M. Epstein to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2013 Regular Meeting as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

Commission Bruening arrived and A. George stepped down as a voting member.

**E. NEW APPLICATIONS-**

- A. W2013-2958 – Scotland Hardwoods, LLC, c/o Rod Burgess applicant, Jay Cirillo, property owner, 47 Clark Road, Assessor's Map 3-13 Lot #4, Selective Timber Harvest, x 3 stream crossings, As-of-Right Activity**

J. Gigliotti explained the location of the site and said that approximately 100 acres of the 139 total acres would be part of the logging operation. He explained that there would be three stream crossing and portable bridges would be used to cross these streams. Within the harvest area approximately 90% of the trees 14 inches and larger will be removed. A stone tracking pad will be in place where the log trucks will be entering and exiting the property on Clark Road. Discussion followed.

**Motion** by K. Frantzen, seconded by D. York to approve W2013-2958 and to recognize it as an As of Right activity. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**F. PENDING APPLICATIONS**

- A. W2013-2957 – Estate of Barbra Standish, Usher Swamp Road, Assessor's Map #2-14 Lot #7-4, Proposed 6-Lot Subdivision – **WITHDRAWN****

J. Gigliotti said that the applicant submitted a letter withdrawing this application and asking that all fees previously submitted to the Town be reapplied to the new application. A copy was included in the Commission member's packets. It was noted that the reimbursement of the fees in accordance with the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations for the Town of Colchester does not allow the Commission to grant refunds. Refunds for the fees must be presented by the applicant to the Board of Selectmen for their approval. Discussion followed.

**Motion** by K. Frantzen, seconded by S. Bruening to accept the withdrawal letter for W2013-2957 – Estate of Barbra Standish, Usher Swamp Road, Assessor's Map #2-14 Lot #7-4, Proposed 6-Lot Subdivision and that the Wetlands Agent send a letter indicating the Regulatory section that the refunding of applications is mute under our Regulations. Discussion was held and this motion was withdrawn by K. Frantzen and seconded by S. Bruening. No vote was taken.

**Motion** by K. Frantzen, seconded by M. Epstein to table this letter to the next meeting and ask the Wetlands Agent to discuss with the applicant their options. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**G. NEW BUSINESS – None**

**A. Connecticut General Statutes 8-24 Application**

J. Gigliotti distributed a copy of his memo to the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding the CGS 8-24 Application for the improvements to the William J. Johnston Middle School, and the construction of a Senior Center and Community Center. Discussion followed. No action was necessary on this item.

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127 NORWICH AVENUE  
ROOM 1  
COLCHESTER, VT 05445  
J. Gigliotti  
Wetlands Enforcement Officer

**H. OLD BUSINESS –**

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

K. Frantzen said that he did not work on the proposed Revisions to the Inland Wetland & Watercourse Regulations but will have this completed by the August meeting. E. Fuery said she did do a side by side comparison between K. Frantzen's updates and her own and found one area regarding notification of abutting property owners that differed. K. Frantzen and E. Fuery will work on this discrepancy for the next meeting.

**I. ENFORCEMENTS –**

**A. 13 Rudden Lane**

J. Gigliotti updated the Commission on this enforcement action. He said that the home owner has protected the wetlands and is in the process of hiring an engineer as he would like to keep the pond. The Commission directed J. Gigliotti to keep working with the home owner to resolve this issue.

**J. CONSERVATION -**

A. George told the Commission that the Colchester Land Trust is working with a property owner on Cato Corner to obtain land abutting the Slembeck property.

**K. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Withdrawal letter from Applicant, for application W2013-2957**

This item was acted on under "Pending Applications".

**B. Tractor Supply**

J. Gigliotti updated the Commission on the work at the Tractor Supply site. He provided a few key photos and informed the Commission that he will be meeting with the Soil Scientist on Thursday, July 11, 2013 about the planting schedule.

Chairman von Plachecki asked J. Gigliotti to see if payment has been made for the Habitat publication.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by K. Frantzen, seconded by S. Bruening to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail N. Therian, Clerk