

**COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting Wednesday, August 13, 2014**  
**Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Room 1**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Falk von Plachecki, Chairman; Moe Epstein, Sue Bruening (arrived at 7:07 p.m.) and Andrew George Alternate: and Rebecca Meyer; Staff: Wetlands Enforcement Officer: Jay Gigliotti and Gail Therian, Clerk;

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Darrell York; Ericka Fuery, Alternate; Kurt Frantzen, Board of Selectmen Liaison

**A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman von Plachecki called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Chairman von Plachecki welcomed Rebecca Meyer, the newly appointed Alternate to the Commission and Andy George who was an alternate on his appointment to a full member. R. Meyer was seated as a voting member.

**B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – None**

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2014.**

M. Epstein said that under Item F, New Applications, Item A, the fourth sentence should read: "He explained that the skid trail will go through the Kendzoir property" . . .

**Motion** by M. Epstein, seconded by A. George to approve the minutes of the Colchester Conservation Commission regular meeting of June 11, 2014 with the one (1) correction. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

**E. PENDING APPLICATIONS - None**

**F. NEW APPLICATIONS -**

J. Gigliotti told the Commission that he expects there will be two (2) applications for the Commission's review at the September meeting. One application will be for a modification to the Tony's Junkyard permit for addition of a fire pond.

**G. OLD BUSINESS –**

**A. Tony's Junkyard Update**

J. Gigliotti distributed copies of the power pint presentation he gave to the Board of Selectmen at their August 7, 2014 meeting. He said he would review this further at the next meeting. Discussion followed regarding the future of the site and the removal of contaminated soil.

**H. NEW BUSINESS –**

**A. Election of Vice-Chairman**

Chairman von Plachecki suggested that being there was no one present who would like to take the position of Vice Chairman, that this item be postponed to the next meeting when the missing members were present. He asked the Commission members to consider taking this position before the next meeting.

**Motion** by A. George, seconded by M. Epstein to postpone action on the election of a Vice Chair to next month's meeting.  
**Motion carried unanimously**

**ENFORCEMENTS –**

**A. Discussion of current enforcements**

J. Gigliotti told the Commission that there are four (4) or five (5) enforcements that he needs to address, but his time has been spent on the Tony's Junkyard cleanup. Now that the clean-up is near completion, J. Gigliotti will have time to work on these enforcements.

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**J. CONSERVATION –**

A. George told the Commission that the Colchester Land Trust has been approached by the land owner regarding the placement of a Conservation easement on his property. They are also working with the towns of Salem and East Haddam regarding the acquisition of a large piece of property near Day Pond. He also said that the Colchester Land Trust now has a seat with the Eight Mile River Watershed organization.

Chairman von Plachecki suggested that the Colchester Conservation Commission consider sponsoring local roads like the Town of Montville is doing. J. Gigliotti will contact someone in the Town of Montville to discuss the concept with them.

**K. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Review of current projects**

J. Gigliotti told the Commission that the Streetscape Project on Linwood Avenue is completed. The next big project will be the Norton Mill but no local permits will be required.

**B. The Habitat**

J. Gigliotti did not receive the latest edition of "The Habitat" for distribution.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** by M. Epstein, seconded by S. Bruening to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Gail N. Therian, Clerk