

COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Wednesday, October 8, 2014
Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Room 1
Minutes of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Falk von Plachecki, Chairman; Moe Epstein, and Darrell York; Alternate: Rebecca Meyer; Wetlands Enforcement Officer: Jay Gigliotti Staff: Gail Therian, Clerk;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sue Bruening and Andrew George; 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 7:04 p.m. R. Meyer was seated as a voting member.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA –

J. Gigliotti asked that an Item C be added under "New Business" – "St. Andrew's Church".

Motion by M. Epstein, seconded by R. Meyer to add Item C under "New Business – "St. Andrew's Church."
Motion carried unanimously.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2014.

Motion by M. Epstein, seconded by R. Meyers to approve the minutes of the Colchester Conservation Commission regular meeting of September 10, 2014 as written. **Abstentions:** D. York **Motion carried.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

E. PENDING APPLICATIONS - None

F. NEW APPLICATIONS - None

G. OLD BUSINESS – None

H. NEW BUSINESS –

A. Vote for Vice Chairman of Commission

Motion by M. Epstein to nominate D. York as Vice Chairman. No second made. D. York declined the nomination.

Motion by D. York, seconded by R. Meyers to nominate M. Epstein as Vice Chairman. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Draft 2015 Conservation Commission Meeting Schedule

Motion by R. Meyers, seconded by M. Epstein to approve the Draft 2015 Conservation Commission meeting scheduled.
Motion carried unanimously.

C. St. Andrew's Church

J. Gigliotti told the Commission that a site plan application to remove a specific amount of parking on the western part of the Church parking lot is going to be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission. He said that there is a large swale that takes the drainage from the surrounding properties in this area. He said he feels it is a watercourse. He said that a soil scientist did not sign the plan and he has informed Gordon Sime, the Agent, that it may need a wetlands permit. He asked the Commission if it should be a Wetlands Agent approval or a Conservation Commission permit application The Commission agreed that this application would need to be a Conservation Commission permit and be reviewed by them.

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ENFORCEMENTS –

A. Updates

J. Gigliotti updated the Commission on an enforcement action on 196 Taylor Road. He said that this was in response to a complaint regarding a shed being located in the Uplands Review Area. The complaint received also mentioned a batting cage in the Upland Review Area. J. Gigliotti explained that the property owners had received a building/zoning permit for the shed, which depicted the placement outside the URA. However, the shed was located in a different location than originally depicted on the site plan associated with the building and zoning permit. Recently the shed was moved to correct the zoning setback violation, but remained in the URA. The Commission directed J. Gigliotti to pursue the relocation of the shed so it is out of the URA. He asked the Commission if he should pursue the URA violation regarding the batting cage as the cage does not have a roof or a floor. The Commission concurred that the batting cage should not be considered a structure as it has no roof or floor and no enforcement action should be taken on the batting cage.

J. CONSERVATION – None

K. CORRESPONDENCE –

A. Construction, Projects & Issued Permit Updates

J. Gigliotti updated the Commission on the pond maintenance project at 560 Old Hartford Road and provided before and after pictures. He said that the Caring Community located at 84 Waterhole Road will begin the demolition of the old building and the construction of a new facility very soon. The State will be slip lining the culvert under Route 2 at Linwood Cemetery Road and Wall Street. The Conservation Easement tags in the Brookstone subdivision are missing nails on them. He said that he will be fixing these and also will repair the plaque on the white oak tree in the White Oak Farms subdivision. He said that the Linwood Avenue Streetscape project is almost complete.

J. Gigliotti told the Commission that he received an application today at 2:00 p.m. for two wetlands crossing on a 140 acre piece of land on Red Schoolhouse Road. He said that Charlie Dutch, who submitted the application, felt that this should be received at this meeting. But on his review, J. Gigliotti, felt the application was incomplete. The Commission reviewed the application and found it deficient in several areas and asked J. Gigliotti to review the fees as they felt the fee submitted was insufficient.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by D. York, seconded by M. Epstein to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Gail N. Therian, Clerk