

COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Wednesday, June 10, 2015
Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Room 1
Minutes of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Falk von Plachecki, Darrell York Andrew George and Sue Bruening (arrived at 7:08 p.m.)
Staff: Wetlands Enforcement Officer: Jay Gigliotti and Clerk: Gail Therian

MEMBERS ABSENT: Moe Epstein; Alternates: Erika Fuery and Rebecca Meyer; and Board of Selectmen Liaison; Kurt Frantzen.

A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman von Plachecki called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

B ADDITIONS TO AGENDA –

J. Gigliotti asked that the following items be added to the agenda under Item F, "New Applications": A. **W2015-2989- 53** Stanavage Road- Adam Steele of Trinity Solar- Applicant, Arthur Shilosky, Property Owner, Assessor's Map 02-04 Lot 003-000, Proposed installation of a 14' x 49' Ground Mounted Solar Array, approx.. 33' from edge of Pond, Upland Review Area Impacts and Item B: **W2015-2990-** 359 Lebanon Avenue, Goldi-Locks Self Storage, LLC- Owner/ Applicant, Assessor's Map 05-06 Lot 021-002, Proposed Modification of previously approved permit #W2015-2986, Redesign of stormwater system, Upland Review Area Impacts.

So moved by A. George, seconded by D. York. **Motion carried unanimously**

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2015.

Motion by A. George, seconded by F. von Plachecki to approve the minutes of the Colchester Conservation Commission Regular meeting of April 8, 2015 as written. **Abstentions:** D. York All others in Favor **Motion carried.**

Motion by A. George, seconded by F. von Plachecki to approve the minutes of the Show Cause Hearing of April 8, 2015 as written. **Abstentions:** D. York All others in Favor **Motion carried.**

Motion by D. York, seconded by A. George to add to the agenda the Approval of the Minutes of May 13, 2015 Regular Meeting and Show Cause Hearing. **Motion carried unanimously**

Motion by A. George, seconded by D. York to approve the minutes of the Colchester Conservation Commission Regular meeting of May 13, 2015 as written. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by D. York, seconded by A. George to approve the minutes of the Show Cause Hearing of May 13, 2015 as written. **Motion carried unanimously.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

E. PENDING APPLICATIONS - None

F. NEW APPLICATIONS

- A. W2015-2989-** 53 Stanavage Road- Adam Steele of Trinity Solar- Applicant, Arthur Shilosky, Property Owner, Assessor's Map 02-04 Lot 003-000, Proposed installation of a 14' x 49' Ground Mounted Solar Array, approx.. 33' from edge of Pond, Upland Review Area Impacts. *DRD 8/14/15*

J. Gigliotti told the Commission that this application is for the proposed installation of 14' x 49' ground mounted solar array which would be located approximately 33' from the edge of the pond. He said he felt this was too close to the pond for an Administrative permit. The proposed location of the solar array would be 67' into the Uplands Review Area. He presented aerial photos of the property. He said he had concerns about the excavation and the drilling of the sonitubes.

Adam Steele of Trinity Solar said that this was the proposed location because of the location of the horse riding ring, the driveway location and the setback requirements.

Discussion followed regarding alternate locations for the solar array. The Commission asked if a map is in on file with the Town showing the delineation of the wetlands by a Soil Scientist. The consensus of the Commission was that there are more prudent locations for the solar array installation.

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Motion by A. George, seconded by D. York to table W2015-2989. **Motion carried unanimously**

- B. W2015-2990**- 359 Lebanon Avenue, Goldi-Locks Self Storage, LLC- Owner/ Applicant, Assessor's Map 05-06 Lot 021-002, Proposed Modification of previously approved permit #W2015-2986, Redesign of stormwater system, Upland Review Area Impacts.

J. Gigliotti told the Commission that this application was a modification to application W2015-2986 which was approved at the May 13, 2015 meeting. He said the proposed modification relates to the stormwater detention basins and while he has received plans, he has not received a review from the Town Engineer.

Charles Dutch, Dutch and Associates, representing the applicant, explained the revised plans are based on the Town Engineer's comments and concerns. Discussion followed the Planning and Zoning Commission time line on this application and possible conditions of approval by the Conservation Commission.

Motion by Darrell York, seconded by S. Bruening to approve application W2015-2990 as shown on revised plans revised through June 8, 2015 pending further review from the Town Engineer and giving J. Gigliotti, Wetlands Enforcement Officer the authority to oversee the changes the Town Engineer recommends. **Motion carried unanimously.**

G. OLD BUSINESS – None

H. NEW BUSINESS –

A. Endorsement of CT DEEP Grant Application

J. Gigliotti said that he attended a Salmon River Watershed meeting where the 8 Mile River Watershed trails were discussed. He said that the Town would like to apply for a grant to design a walking trail across Route 16, through Cemetery Road, across Route 149 and down Peck Lane. This portion of the trail would connect the trail that goes from East Lyme to Thompson/Putnam, CT. The grant would request 80% of the total cost of the project, with the Town of Colchester contributing 20% through in-kind services. Discussion followed regarding the location and design of the trail.

Motion by S. Bruening, seconded by D. York to endorse the Town of Colchester's application to the CT DEEP Recreational Trails Program for the Connection/Linkage of a trail system from the northern property line of the BPWMA, across Route 16, through Cemetery and Church Roads, across Route 149 and through Peck Lane to the Trail System associated with the SRSP. The grant application is requesting 80% of the Total Project Cost, with the 10% of the project cost to be contributed by the Town of Colchester through in-kind services. **Motion carried unanimously.**

I. ENFORCEMENTS –

A. Dr. Foote Road – Review of Corrective Work & decision to close enforcement

J. Gigliotti reviewed the time line of the enforcement action. He said that the work was officially completed on May 21, 2015. He showed before and after pictures and explained how the repair work was completed.

Motion by A. George, seconded by S. Bruening to close the enforcement action and to file a rescind notice on the Town's record and to send a copy to the property owner. **Motion carried unanimously.**

J. CONSERVATION – None

K. CORRESPONDENCE -

J. Gigliotti presented pictures of the work on Red Schoolhouse Road.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by D. York, seconded by S. Bruening to adjourn the meeting at 7:51p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Gail N. Therian, Clerk