

COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Wednesday, July 8, 2015
Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Room 2
Minutes of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Falk von Plachecki, Darrell York, Moe Epstein (arrived at 7:03) Sue Bruening (arrived at 7:07 p.m.) Alternate: Erika Fuery; Board of Selectmen Liaison; Kurt Frantzen; Staff: Clerk: Gail Therian

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew George; Alternate: Rebecca Meyer;

A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman von Plachecki called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. E. Fuery was seated as a voting member.

He told the Commission that J. Gigliotti, Wetlands Enforcement Officer was on vacation this week but had spoken to him at length regarding the items on the Agenda.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2015.

Motion by D. York, seconded by F. von Plachecki to approve the minutes of the Colchester Conservation Commission Regular meeting of June 10, 2015 as written. **Abstentions:** E. Fuery All others in Favor. **Motion carried.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT –

K. Frantzen, speaking as a resident, said that a beaver has taken up residence in the brook on Marvin Road. This brook feeds into the Deep River Reservoir which is a drinking water source owned by the City of Norwich. He explained that the beaver has constructed a dam and is clear cutting along the edge of the water. Discussion followed regarding the damage this dam could cause to Marvin Road. Chairman von Plachecki said he will call J. Paggioli, Public Works Director and inform him of this problem.

E. PENDING APPLICATIONS - None

- 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***

M. Epstein and E. Fuery recused themselves.

Chairman von Plachecki told the Commission that J. Gigliotti advised him that no new information had been received from the applicant. He reminded the Commission that at the last meeting the applicant advised that the proposed location of the ground mounted solar array was because of the location of the horse riding ring, the driveway location and the setback requirements. He said that the consensus of the Commission was that there are more prudent locations for the solar array installation. Discussion followed.

Motion by S. Bruening, seconded by F. von Plachecki to table W2015-2989 for 30 days to wait for a response. **Opposed:** D. York **All others in favor Motion Carried.**

M. Epstein and E. Fuery returned as voting members.

F. NEW APPLICATIONS – None

G. OLD BUSINESS – None

H. NEW BUSINESS –

I. ENFORCEMENTS –

- A. 572 Parum Road**

Chairman von Plachecki told the Commission that J. Gigliotti, Wetlands Enforcement Officer has received a complaint regarding 572 Parum Road regarding trucks going in and out of the property and a possible business operation. J. Gigliotti will be investigating this when he returns from vacation.

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B. 11 Broadway

Chairman von Plachecki told the Commission that a new parking lot has been installed in back of the Noel's Plaza. A Notice of Violation has been sent by J. Gigliotti, Wetlands Enforcement Officer. R. Benson, Assistant Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer has also sent a Notice of Violation. He showed pictures of the site and gave a short review of the history of a site plan from 2001. J. Gigliotti has been advised that a silt fence has been installed for erosion and sediment control. An update on this enforcement will be given at the next meeting.

J. CONSERVATION – None

K. CORRESPONDENCE -

A. 53 South Road – Proposed Floating Deck

Chairman von Plachecki told the Commission that J. Gigliotti received a request from the owner of 53 South Road to construct a floating deck in his pond. Discussion followed regarding the need for a permit application for this dock. The consensus of the Commission was that as this is a floating deck it would not cause a disturbance and therefore, it could be constructed without a permit.

B. CT DEEP Comprehensive Training Program

Chairman von Plachecki said that the information regarding the CT DEEP Comprehensive Training Program was included in their packets. If anyone is interested in participating in the Training Program, please contact J. Gigliotti.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by D. York, seconded by S. Bruening to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Gail N. Therian, Clerk