

COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Wednesday, April 13, 2016
Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Room 1
Minutes of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Falk von Plachecki, Chairman; Moe Epstein, Sue Bruening (arrived at 7:10 p.m.) and Andrew George; Ericka Fuery, Alternate; Board of Selectmen Liaison, John Jones; Staff: Wetlands Enforcement Officer: Jay Gigliotti; Gail Therian, Clerk;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Darrell York, Vice Chairman; Alternate: Rebecca Meyer

A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman von Plachecki called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. E. Fuery was seated as a voting member.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – None.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting Minutes of March 9, 2016.

Motion by M. Epstein, seconded by A. George to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2016 as written.
Abstentions: E. Fuery All others in favor **Motion carried.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Brian Mandeville, 68 Mill Lane West, stated he takes exception to the decision made regarding 82 Davidson Road. He distributed copies of the sections of the Inland Wetlands Regulations that he feels are being violated and also a copy of a map. He feels that the concrete blocks placed around the pond are located in the wetlands.

E. PENDING APPLICATIONS -

- A. W2016-2998-Fireside Investments, LLC- 489 Old Hartford Road, Assessor's Map 05-10 Lot 025-000- Proposed thinning of understory for Route 2 visibility. DRD 4/15/16**

Chairman von Plachecki said that this application was heard at the March meeting and Mr. Tarquinio was requested to research what types of native species would be beneficial to replace the invasive species.

James Sipperly, Certified Soil Scientist, representing the applicant, explained how to control phragmites. He said that the applicant is applying to thin 350' off the center of the entire width of the property for visibility from Route 2. Discussion took place regarding the size and scope of the work.

John Tarquinio, of Fireside Investments, reiterated the size and scope of the work.

Motion by A. George, seconded by E. Fuery to A. George to approve W2016-2998 and that the invasive species will be managed by Mr. Tarquinio or someone he appoints. **Opposed:** M. Epstein **Abstentions:** S. Bruening **Motion Carried.**

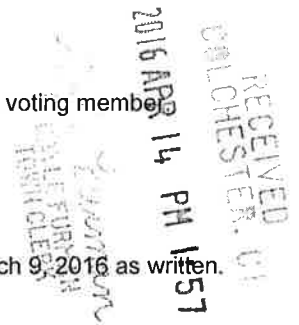
F. NEW APPLICATIONS –

- A. W2016-3001- Stella Lake, LLC- 199 Red Schoolhouse Road- Assessor's Map 03-15 Lot 041, Application for improvements to existing pathway on the Northwest end of Lake Elaine. DRD 6/17/16**

J. Gigliotti told the Commission that this started as an enforcement action and is now an application. The applicant has formalized the trails around Stella Lake and has installed pipes. He showed the Commission the area the work was done.

Charles Dutch, Dutch and Associates, representing the applicant, explained the area the work that was completed. Discussion followed regarding the limits of the disturbance and the installation of the silt fence. The Commission agreed that a Plan of Correction needs to be submitted with an engineered, stamped designed plan included.

Motion by A. George, seconded by S. Bruening to table W2016-3001 for an engineered Plan of Correction to be submitted.
Motion carried unanimously.



G. OLD BUSINESS – None

H. NEW BUSINESS – None

I. ENFORCEMENTS – None

J. CONSERVATION – None

K. CORRESPONDENCE –

J. Gigliotti told the Commission that the Town of Colchester was awarded a grant from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. The grant is in the amount of \$43,200, with a 20% in kind match from the Town. He explained in detail the scope of work which is to connect the Airline Trail System with the Richard Goodwin Trail System.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by M. Epstein, seconded by S. Bruening to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Gail N. Therian, Clerk