

COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Wednesday, January 13, 2016
Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Room 3
Minutes of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Falk von Plachecki, Chairman; Moe Epstein, Sue Bruening and Andrew George; Alternates: Rebecca Meyer; Board of Selectmen Liaison, John Jones; Staff: Wetlands Enforcement Officer: Jay Gigliotti; Gail Therian, Clerk;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Darrell York and Ericka Fuery

A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

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

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – W2015-2993- J. Gigliotti asked that the following item be added under "Pending Applications" as Item A: "James Noel- Applicant- 11 Broadway, Assessor's Map 16-00 Lot 086-001, Proposed 4,100 square feet of fill into existing stormwater basin".

So moved by A. George, seconded by M. Epstein. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2015.

M. Epstein said that under "Adjournment", there was no second to the motion. G. Therian, clerk said that it should read: "seconded by D. York".

Motion by A. George, seconded by M. Epstein to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2015 as amended. **Motion carried. Unanimously.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

E. PENDING APPLICATIONS -

A. W2015-2993- James Noel- Applicant- 11 Broadway, Assessor's Map 16-00 Lot 086-001, Proposed 4,100 square feet of fill into existing stormwater basin.
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J. Gigliotti told the Commission that the applicant has withdrawn the application.

F. NEW APPLICATIONS –

A. W2015-2994- Leonard Przekopski Jr., 36 Pine Road, Assessor's Map 05-14 Lot 009-000, Request for Declaratory Ruling, Agricultural Exemption for repairs to existing farm road

A. George noted that the application numbers on the Agenda were incorrect. The minutes reflect the correct application numbers.

Chairman von Plachecki reminded the Commission that it is their responsibility to decide if this application is "essential to the farming operation" and he read the definition of it to the Commission. He said that there was no one here representing the applicant and the only information received from the applicant was the application and a letter.

Atty. Doug Dubitsky arrived to represent the applicant. He said that the applicant is requesting a declaratory ruling for an agricultural exemption for repairs to an existing culvert on the farm road. Chairman von Plachecki said that the Commission would like to see a map indicating where the culvert is located on the property. Atty. Dubitsky said that a map could be submitted. Discussion followed regarding the location of the culvert and the use of the farm road.

Motion by S. Bruening to table W2015-2994 to the next meeting to allow for more details and a map. There was no second to this motion.

The Commission took a five (5) minute recess to allow J. Gigliotti to locate a previous map to use to indicate the location of the culvert.

A map was presented and Atty. Dubitsky explained the location of the culvert and the pipe to be replaced. Discussion followed.

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S. Bruening withdrew her original motion.

Motion by R. Meyer, seconded by S. Bruening to recognize W2015-2994 application as an agricultural exception activity.
Motion Carried Unanimously

G. OLD BUSINESS –

A. Final Environmental Report for Junkyard Clean up

J. Gigliotti told the Commission that the final Environment Report for the Junkyard cleanup has been received. He reviewed some of the information included in the report and told the Commission that he would email the document to them all. Discussion followed regarding the results and the possible development of the land in the future.

Motion by A. George, seconded by R. Meyer to accept the Final Environmental Report for the Junkyard Clean up. . **Motion Carried Unanimously**

H. NEW BUSINESS – None

I. ENFORCEMENTS – None

J. CONSERVATION –

A. George told the Commission that the Land Trust will continue working with the owner of on and easement on her property on Brainard Road. They will also be meeting with a property only of 16 acres on Prospect Hill Road.

K. CORRESPONDENCE – None

A. Construction, Projects & Issued Permit Updates – None

J. Gigliotti and S. Bruening told the Commission about the presentation they did for the two (2) third grade classes at Jack Jackter Intermediate School in December. A. George said that a representative from the Land Trust will also be speaking to third graders at Jack Jackter Intermediate School in the future.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by M. Epstein, seconded S. Bruening by to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Gail N. Therian, Clerk