

COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Wednesday, December 14, 2016
Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Room 1
Minutes of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Falk von Plachecki, Chairman; Darrell York, Vice Chairman; Moe Epstein. Andrew George and Sue Bruening (arrived at 7:05); Alternate: Rebecca Meyer (arrived at 7:05); Staff: Randall Benson, Director of Planning; Gail Therian, Clerk;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ericka Fuery; Board of Selectmen Liaison, John Jones

A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman von Plachecki called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. .

B ADDITIONS TO AGENDA –

A. George asked that under Item J – Conservation, Item A be added: "Update on the Removal of the Norton Dam."

So moved, by M. Epstein, seconded by D. York. **Motion carried unanimously**

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

Motion by A. George, seconded by D. York to approve the Minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting as presented.

Abstentions: M. Epstein All others in favor **Motion carried.**

D. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Brian Mandeville, 68 Mill Lane West, presented documentation to the Commission members regarding pool water discharge into Gillette Brook at 82 Davidson Road. He also wanted an update on the meeting held in July with the Army Corp of Engineers regarding 82 Davidson Road.

E. PENDING APPLICATIONS - None

F. NEW APPLICATIONS – None

G. OLD BUSINESS – None

H. NEW BUSINESS –

A. Election of Officers

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Chairman von Plachecki opened the floor for nominations for Chairman and stepped down as Chairman for this election. Vice Chairman D. York took over as Chairman.

Vice Chairman D. York opened the floor for nominations as Chairman.

Motion by M. Epstein, seconded by S. Bruening M. Epstein to nominate Falk von Plachecki as Chairman.

F. von Plachecki accepted the nomination.

Motion by S. Bruening, seconded by M. Epstein to elect Falk von Plachecki as Chairman for 2017. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman von Plachecki returned as Chairman and opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman.

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

D. York accepted the nomination.

Motion by A. George, seconded by M. Epstein to elect D. York as Vice Chairman. **Motion carried unanimously**

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I. ENFORCEMENTS – None

J. CONSERVATION –

A. Update on the Removal of the Norton Dam

A. George told the Commission that a piece of property near the Norton Dam is for sale by the Wasnewski/Norton family. He asked if the Town would be interested in purchasing this property as Open Space.

R. Benson told the Commission that he attended a Salmon River Watershed meeting last week and the possibility of purchasing this piece of land was discussed. Options such as grant money available for the purchase will be explored.

K. CORRESPONDENCE –

G. Therian, Clerk distributed the fall issue of "The Habitant".

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by D. York, seconded by M. Epstein to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously

Gail N. Therian, Clerk