

COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Wednesday, April 12, 2017
Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Room 1
Minutes of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Falk von Plachecki, Chairman; Darrell York, Vice Chairman; Andrew George; Alternate: Ericka Fuery; Board of Selectmen Liaison, John Jones; Staff: Jay Gigliotti, Wetlands Enforcement Officer; Gail Therian, Clerk;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Moe Epstein and Sue Bruening; Alternate; Rebecca Meyer

A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

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

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA –

J. Gigliotti asked that under Item F – New Applications, Item A be added: “W2017-3011, Kimberly Carlone, 36 Waterhole Road.” A. George asked that under “Item J - Conservation” – he be able to speak.

Motion by A. George, seconded by E. Fuery to add these items to the agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2017 and March 8 2017 Regular Meeting

February 8, 2017 Minutes

Motion by A. George, seconded by D. York to approve the Minutes of the February 8, 2017 meeting as written.

Abstentions: E. Fuery All others in favor. **Motion Carried.**

March 8, 2017 Minutes

No action was taken as there were not enough members present who attended this meeting. Approval of the Minutes of March 8, 2017 Regular meeting will be included on the May agenda.

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D. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Brian Mandeville, 68 Mill Lane West, submitted a copy of a Freedom of Information request that he submitted to the First Selectman's office, and a copy of an email he sent to Randall Benson, Town Planner on April 12, 2017 regarding drainage issues at 68 Mill Lane West. He also submitted a copy of the 2006 – 2007 Conservation Commission Annual report and said that this is outdated.

E. PENDING APPLICATIONS –

- A. W2017-3010- Stephen Fedus- applicant/ owner- 203 Amston Road (Route 85), Assessor's Map 21-00 Lot #003-000- proposed residential apartment buildings, parking and drainage facilities, activity within wetlands URA. DRD 5/12/17**

J. Gigliotti told the Commission that on March 22, 2017 a petition with 25 signatures had been submitted to him. This petition will require the Commission to hold a Public Hearing on this application. He said because of the receipt of this petition, he would suggest no discussion took place about the application at this meeting and a date for the Public Hearing be set.

Motion by A. George, seconded by E. Fuery to set the Public Hearing for the next regularly scheduled meeting on May 10, 2017. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion by D. York, seconded by E. Fuery that in accordance with Section 7.14, page 19 of the Inland Wetlands & Watercourse Regulations, a third party Environmental Consultant be hired to review and evaluate the potential impacts associated with the development. The cost of this consultant shall be borne by the Applicant. No permit shall be issued until the third party Environmental Consultant is paid in full. **Motion carried unanimously.**

F. NEW APPLICATIONS –

- A. W2017-3011 Kimberly Carlone, 36 Waterhole Road, Assessor's Map 31-23 Lot #22-123 Proposed resubdivision to facilitate land swap, in order to address setback and open space related issues DRD 6/6/17**

J. Gigliotti told the Commission that this application is a proposed resubdivision to facilitate land swap, in order to address setback and open space related issues. He said that the plans were just received and had not been reviewed by Staff.

Motion by D. York, seconded by A. George to table for the statutory requirement W2017-30110. Motion carried unanimously.

G. OLD BUSINESS – None

H. NEW BUSINESS – None

I. ENFORCEMENTS –

A. 199 Red Schoolhouse Road, Request for C.O.

J. Gigliotti distributed copies of reports from Brian Golembiewski, Registered Soil Scientist – Wetland Scientist and James Sipperly, Certified Soil Scientist. He reviewed the work that had taken place on the property.

James Sipperly, Certified Soil Scientist, reviewed his report and said he felt that a permit modification would be in order.

Discussion followed. D. York said that he feels it is a substantial wetlands impact and should have been installed according to the plan. He asked if drainage calculations were submitted to the Town Engineer and approved by him. Chairman von Plachecki said that the drainage calculations should be submitted and reviewed by the Town Engineer prior to the Commission making any decision on this matter.

J. CONSERVATION –

A. George told the Commission that on Monday, April 24, 2017 members of the Nature Conservancy and the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection will be planting flowers at Norton Park, the former Norton Dam location.

K. CORRESPONDENCE –

A. The Habitat

J. Gigliotti distributed copies of "The Habitat" to the Commission members.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by D. York, seconded by E. Fuery to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. Motion Carried Unanimously

Gail N. Therian, Clerk