

COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Room 1

Amended Minutes of Meeting

Approved by Commission on 12/13/17

MEMBERS PRESENT: Falk von Plachecki, Chairman, Andrew George, Sue Bruening, and Alternate: Rebecca Meyer (7:07pm); Staff: Jay Gigliotti, Wetlands Enforcement Officer; Kamey Cavanaugh, Clerk

Members Absent; Darrell York, Vice Chairman, Board of Selectmen Liaison, John Jones

A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman von Plachecki called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Rebecca Meyer was seated as a voting member

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- Meeting minutes of October 11, 2017

Motion made by S. Bruening to approve the October 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by A. George. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT- None

E. PENDING APPLICATIONS-

- A. W2017-3017- Goldi-Locks Self Storage, LLC- applicant/owner- 359 Lebanon Avenue (Route 16), Assessor's Map 05-06 Lot #s 021-001 & 002, Proposed Phase IV- New mini-storage buildings #s 6 & 7 DRD 11/17/17**

Jay Gigliotti provided a brief summary of the application and explained that all staff comments relative to wetlands impacts have been addressed. Mr. Gigliotti also went on to state the impacts to the regulated areas have been minimized and a prudent & feasible alternative does not exist which would result in less of an impact to the regulated areas. The applicant has also provided mitigation of the regulated areas and removal of invasive species.

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Brandon Handfield PE, representing the applicant was present to address any questions the commissioners may have.

Chairman von Plachecki stated the application does not propose a significant/ adverse impact to the regulated areas on the property and would entertain a motion to approve the application.

Motion made by A. George to approve application W2017-3017 Goldi-Locks Self Storage, LLC- applicant/owner- 359 Lebanon Avenue (Route 16), Assessors Map 05-06 Lot#'s 021-001 & 002, Proposed Phase IV – New mini-storage buildings #'s 6 & 7. Seconded by S Bruening. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

F. NEW APPLICATIONS-

- A. W2017-3018-Scotland Hardwoods c/o Rod Burgess-applicant, New Britain Hunting & Fishing Club-property owner- Davidson Road & Prospect Hill Road, Assessor's Map 4W-09 Lots 17 & 17A- Proposed Timber harvest in accordance with IWWR Sec. 4- Request for Declaratory Ruling- As-of-Right Activity**

Jay Gigliotti reported to the commission this is an as of right timber harvest on the New Britain Fish and Game property that consists of 2 parcels. The primary harvest is on the larger of the 2 parcels. 120000 board feet that involves 5 total crossings, 2 of which are existing culvert crossings. The crossing that are not culverts will have portable bridges. Project is scheduled to be done this winter and to last approximately 4-5 weeks.

Motion made by S. Bruening to approve application W2017-3018 Scotland Hardwoods c/o Rod Burgess-applicant, New Britain Hunting & Fishing Club-property owner- Davidson Road & Prospect Hill Road, Assessor's Map 4W-09 Lots 17 & 17A- Proposed Timber harvest in accordance with IWWR Sec. 4- Request for Declaratory Ruling- As-of-Right Activity. Seconded by A. George. All members voted in favor. Motion carried

- B. W2017-3019-Incord- applicant/ owner, 151 Upton Road, Assessor's Map 09-00 Lot 008-005- Proposed commercial development with associated parking & drainage facilities, Activity within URA DRD 1/12/18**

Jay Gigliotti provided the commissioners with a copy of the soil scientist report and reported that the property is currently vacant. The proposal is 2 new warehouse buildings with drainage and parking facilities. The activity that is associated with this application has no direct wetland impact, only upland review area.

Bob Russo, Soil Scientist with CLA Engineers was before the commissioners for an instruction of the site activity.

Motion made by A. George to table application W2017-3019-Incord- applicant/ owner, 151 Upton Road, Assessor's Map 09-00 Lot 008-005- Proposed commercial development with associated parking & drainage facilities, Activity within URA. Motion was seconded by R. Meyer. All members voted in favor. Motion carried

C. W2017-3020- applicant/ owner, 181 Upton Road, Assessor's Map 09-00 Lot 008-006- Proposed commercial development with associated parking & drainage facilities, Activity within URA DRD 1/12/18

Bob Russo, Soil Scientist with CLA Engineers was before the commissions and explained this site has no direct wetland impact. The grading plan was reviewed along with the proposed treatment basin.

Motion made by A. George to table application W2017-3020- applicant/ owner, 181 Upton Road, Assessor's Map 09-00 Lot 008-006- Proposed commercial development with associated parking & drainage facilities, Activity within URA. All members voted in favor. Motion was seconded by S. Bruening. Motion carried.

G. **OLD BUSINESS**- None

H. **NEW BUSINESS**- None

I. **ENFORCEMENT**-

Jay Gigliotti reported a notice of violation that took place. The property owner was notified and has since put E&S in place and wood chips over the disturbed area. Chairman von Plachecki instruction Mr. Gigliotti to contact the property owner and instruct them to complete an application, provide a restoration plan, contact a soil scientist, and map out where on the property the wetlands are located.

J. **CONSERVATION**- None

K. **CORRESPONDENCE**- None

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by S. Bruening to adjourn the November 8, 2017 Colchester Conservation Commission Meeting. Seconded by A. George. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried

Chairman von Plachecki adjourned the November 8, 2017 Conservation Commission meeting at 7:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kamey Cavanaugh
Recording Clerk