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COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Room 1

Minutes of Meeting (Amended)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Falk von Plachecki, Chairman, Darrell York, Vice Chairman, Andrew George Sue Bruening (7:04pm), Rebecca Meyer (7:07pm); Staff: Jay Gigliotti, Wetlands Enforcement Officer; Kamey Cavanaugh, Clerk

Members Absent; Board of Selectmen Liaison, James Ford

A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

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

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - *Motion made by A. George to add Agenda Item K) A. Discussion of US Army Corp Correspondence. Seconded by D. York. All members voted in favor. Motion carried*

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- *Motion made by A. George to approve the December 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes as amended. The new liaison assigned to the Conservation Commission from the Board of Selectman will be James Ford. Seconded by D. York. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried*

D. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

E. PENDING APPLICATIONS – None

F. NEW APPLICATIONS -

A. W2018-3021Tammie Bakaj- Applicant/Owner, Gillette Lane, Assessors Map 03-13 Lot 001-000, proposed driveway installation for a new SFR Access

J. Gigliotti was before the commission to review the application. This is located on Gillette Lane, and this application was previously approved in July 2012. The permit was issued with a 5 year time span and expired in July 2017. In terms of the design or purpose of the driveway there have been no changes. The property currently is vacant and wooded. The regulated activity is the area of the driveway apron coming off Gillette Lane and the remainder of the driveway that is in the upland review area. This is the same plan that was previously approved.

Motion made by D. York to accept and table application W2018-3021 Tammie Bakaj- Applicant/Owner, Gillette Lane, Assessors Map 03-13 Lot 001-000, proposed driveway

installation for a new SFR Access until the next regular scheduled meeting. Seconded by A. George. All members voted in favor. Motion carried

G. **OLD BUSINESS**- None

H. **NEW BUSINESS**- None

I. **ENFORCEMENT**-

A. **151 Evergreen Terrace**

J. Gigliotti reported to the members of the commission that contact has been made with the property owner at 151 Evergreen Terrace and the steps are being made to remediate the violation.

J. **CONSERVATION**-

R. Meyer spoke of the CATWIC meeting that she attended in November 2017. Highlights from the meeting were procedures of entering a property without permission, key facts about revised general permits for storm water discharge, and aquifer protection area program. www.ct.gov/deep/aquiferprotection is a site that provides additional information on that topic.

J. Gigliotti reported on notification that has been received by the Town of Hebron Inland Wetlands Commission regarding an application of regulated activity within close proximity to the Colchester Town line.

J. Gigliotti reported on a request that has been received to from an owner in Colchester regarding excessive wetlands on their property. The owner by right, has contacted the Tax Office of Colchester to request a reduction of their tax assessment due to the amount of wetlands present.

J. Gigliotti was advised that 2 grants that were endorsed by this commission are no longer being funded.

J. Gigliotti reported a home that was constructed on Chestnut Hill Road several years ago without obtaining any permits and contact has been made with the property owner. Enforcement is pending along with an application for the commission.

J. Gigliotti received notice that the 2018 Open Space and Watershed grant program through the state will be funded and a parcel located at 541 Lebanon Avenue is suitable for this program. This parcel is 55 acres on Rt 16, that abuts open space, vacant, high in environmental features, and is within the Shermans Brook greenway.

Motion made by A. George for the Colchester Conservation Commission's endorsement of the towns submission of an Open Space and watershed land acquisition program grant application for acquisition of 541 Lebanon Ave, (Rt16) as open space. Seconded by S. Bruening. All members voted in favor. Motion carried

K. CORRESPONDENCE-

A. Correspondence received from the US Army Corp-

Chairman von Plachecki read into the record and email received by Michael Wierbonics, Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New England District, dated Wednesday, December 13, 2017, regarding the violation at 82 Davidson Road. (See attached)

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by D. York to adjourn the January 10, 2018 Colchester Conservation Commission Meeting at 7:27P.M. Seconded by R. Meyer. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried

Chairman von Plachecki adjourned the January 10, 2018 Conservation Commission meeting at 7:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kamey Cavanaugh
Recording Clerk