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COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Room 1

Minutes of Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Falk von Plachecki; Chairman, Darrell York, Rebecca Meyer, and Seth Travis; Jay Gigliotti, Wetlands Enforcement Officer; Kamey Cavanaugh, Clerk

Members Absent: Sue Bruening

A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

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

Chairman von Plachecki welcomed new member Seth Travis to the commission.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- *Motion made by R. Meyer to approve the June 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by D. York. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried.*

D. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

E. PENDING APPLICATIONS –

- A. W2018-3024- Otto Walter- Applicant / Owner, 7 Ivy Court, Assessors Map 11-00 Lot 011-000, proposed new 24'X36' garage within 75' Upland Review Area. DRD 05/18/18

J Gigliotti reported to the commission the application is in the upland review area and the revisions the commission requested have been met and are consistent with what was conceptually approved in May.

Motion made by D. York to approve application W2018-3024. Seconded by R. Meyer. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

F. NEW APPLICATIONS -

- A. W2018-3025- Lance Lusignan- Applicant, Danielle Ferretti-Owner, 20 Parkside Drive, Assessors Map 03-20 Lot 017-38A, Proposed SFR buildout of existing vacant lot, URA impacts.

J Gigliotti reported to the commission this is a vacant lot located on Parkside Drive and has been vacant since the original subdivision approval. There is a lot of wetlands on this last remaining lot, although was approved at the original subdivision application, that permit

has since expired. The application is for a single family residence with an associated driveway. The lot has been delineated recently and the wetlands have changed some since the original application. There are no direct wetland impacts. The application has just been received in the office therefore is still awaiting staff review and comment.

Motion made by D. York to table application W2018-3025. Seconded by R. Meyer. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

B. W2018-3026- Jamie Fellows- Applicant/ Owner, Carrier Road, Assessors Map 03-15 Lot 041-001, Proposed driveway installation with stream/ wetland crossing.

J Gigliotti reminded the commission of a time that Mr. Fellows approached to commission to support his request to the State for permission to cross the State land to access his property located on Carrier Road. The state denied his request, therefore, he is now before this commission with a permit to allow him to cross wetlands in order to construct a single family home.

Motion made by R. Meyer to table application W2018-3025. Seconded by D. York. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

G. **OLD BUSINESS**- None

H. **NEW BUSINESS**- None

I. **ENFORCEMENT**- None

J. **CONSERVATION**-

a. Chestnut Hill Road

J Gigliotti reported to the commission of a Conservation Easement on Chestnut Hill Road that was put in place as part of a sub division. In 2008 the commission had an enforcement against the property owner for illegal clearing. As a result of the enforcement the property owner planted what he could to remedy the problem. Mr. Sousa has contacted the office requesting permission to remove a tree that does remain in the easement. Photographs show the tree is dead and has no foliage. It is leaning towards personal property and if falls could cause damage to property around it. The commission agreed the tree is dead and directed Mr. Gigliotti to provide the property owner with a permit to remove the tree.

b. Requested Turtle Crossing Sign

J Gigliotti received a petition sent to the First Selectman, signed by 147 town residents claiming a numerous amount of turtles are being run over crossing Rt 16 near Cemetery Road and the Babcock Pond Wildlife Management area. The petition is requesting a Turtle Crossing sign be placed to make drivers aware. The Town Engineer has sent a reply to the First Selectman and copied the DOT District 2 as their approval would also be required. J

Gigliotti is before the commission looking to send or not to send a letter of endorsement to the Board of Selectman.

Motion made by R. Meyer endorsing the installation of a turtle sign off 16 near Babcock Pond and direct J Gigliotti to draft a letter to the Board of Selectman endorsing the Turtle Crossing signs. Seconded by S. Travis. Vote 3-1-0. D. York opposed. Motion Carried.

K. CORRESPONDENCE-

- a. **Wetland Administrative Permits Issued-** 1 permit was issued for a footing drain in the upland review area on Westchester Road.
- b. **Staff updates & other correspondence-** None

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by D. York to adjourn the July 11, 2018 Colchester Conservation Commission Meeting at 7:54PM. Seconded by R. Meyer. All members voted in Favor. Motion Carried

Chairman von Plachecki adjourned the July 11, 2018 Conservation Commission meeting at 7:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Kamey Cavanaugh, Recording Clerk