

COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Room 1

Minutes of Meeting

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

A. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER

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

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- *Motion made by R. Meyer to approve the July 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by S. Travis. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried.*

D. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

E. PENDING APPLICATIONS –

A. W2018-3025- Lance Lusignan-Applicant, Danielle Ferretti-Owner, 20 Parkside Drive, Assessor's Map 03-20 Lot 017-38A, Proposed SFR buildout of existing vacant lot, URA impacts. DRD 9/14/18

J Gigliotti reported the application before the commission has no direct wetland impacts and the impacts associated with this development are all within the upland review area. J Gigliotti has completed his review and from a technical standpoint stated this application is in compliant with the regulations, in addition Sal Tassone, Town Engineer, has reviewed and approved the driveway apron portion of the application. The original subdivision was approved in the late 1980's. The wetlands have been delineated more recently for this application and resulted in a change in the wetland limits then what was previously delineated. The changes to the property since the last map on file was discussed.

Falk von Plachecki asked for clarification on the distance from the house to the wetlands and clarification on the grading for the house. Charlie Dutch, Dutch & Associates stated the house sits about 13' from the wetland. Mr. Dutch stated they are suggesting putting the house at the present grade as it is already at one of the high points. The home will have a crawl space. Falk von Plachecki suggested moving the house back towards the septic or turn the house counterclockwise which would lessen the impact to move it away from the wetland.

Lance Lusignan stated the reason for moving the house from the original plan was the wetlands have shifted and now he doesn't believe it would be allowed in that area. The commission disagreed.

The commission reviewed the original approved sub division plan and noted the location where the house was originally approved to be built and suggested moving the home back to the originally approved subdivision plan. Lance Lusignan was concerned with moving the house back due to the soft soils.

The commission stated the proposal that is before them is too close to the wetlands and not where the original subdivision proposed it to be. They directed the applicant to provide the commission with explanations from professionals on why the proposed area does or does not work.

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

B. W2018-3026- Jamie Fellows-Applicant/ Owner, Carrier Road, Assessor's Map 03-15 Lot 041-001, Proposed driveway installation with stream/wetland crossing. DRD 9/14/18

J Gigliotti reported to the commission the applicant, Mr. Fellows, has requested to table this application until the next regular scheduled meeting in order for completion of an analysis that is needed to proceed.

Motion made by R. Meyer to table application W2018-3026. Seconded by S. Travis. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried

F. **NEW APPLICATIONS** - NONE

G. **OLD BUSINESS**- None

H. **NEW BUSINESS**- None

I. **ENFORCEMENT**- None

J. **CONSERVATION**-

a. UCONN Brownfield Initiative

J Gigliotti reported to the commission a discussion that has taken place with UCONN regarding a program that is dedicated to Brownfields. Students at UCONN will work with town staff to develop a Brownfield Grant application. The Town of Colchester has identified 3 Brownfields properties and is waiting to hear back from UCONN.

b. Source to Sea

J Gigliotti reported of a partnership with CME, an environmental consulting firm, and the town worked together to do a cleanup in the town. Volunteers come and clean up trash and the Towns responsibility is to facilitate a location and to dispose of the trash. This event has been scheduled for the last weekend in September.

K. CORRESPONDENCE-

- a. **Wetland Administrative Permits Issued-** 1 permit was issued for 11 Carrier Road.
- b. **Staff updates & other correspondence-** A bridge was replaced on Caverly Mill Road. There was no work within the water and stabilizing the banks and improved erosion took place during construction.
- c. **WJJMS – Norwich Ave-** There was a discussion on the porous pavement at the school. The pavement that has been placed does not meet the grade that was approved and therefore is not evenly shedding storm water across the driveway. This is in the process of being remedied.
- d. **Ruby Cohen-** J Gigliotti is currently working with the Colchester Garden Club to gather information that will be placed on the kiosk at the Ruby Cohen Park, to include information on Open Space, Watershed, and Watercourse / Wetland for the public.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by S. Bruening to adjourn the August 8, 2018 Colchester Conservation Commission Meeting at 7:53PM. Seconded by S. Travis. All members voted in Favor. Motion Carried

Chairman von Plachecki adjourned the August 8, 2018 Conservation Commission meeting at 7:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted



Kamey Cavanaugh, Recording Clerk