

COLCHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Room 201

Minutes of Meeting

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Falk von Plachecki; Chairman, Seth Travis, Sue Bruening, and Rebecca Meyer (7:04pm); 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 S. Bruening to approve the September 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by S. Travis. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried.*

D. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

E. PENDING APPLICATIONS –

- a. **W2018-3027- SSI Colchester, LLC- Applicant/Owner, 99 Linwood Avenue, Assessors Map 11-00 Lot 026-000, Proposed addition to existing building and new free standing building, proposed wetland and URA impacts.**

J Gigliotti reported the application was before the commission last month and was tabled for statutory reasons. The applicant is requesting renewal of an expired approved application. The submitted plans have been reviewed and are consistent with the previously 2009 approval, along with having sign off from public works and the town engineer.

Motion made by S. Bruening to approve application W2018-3027- SSI Colchester, LLC- Applicant/Owner, 99 Linwood Avenue, Assessors Map 11-00 Lot 026-000, Proposed addition to existing building and new free standing building, proposed wetland and URA impacts.

Seconded by S. Travis. All members voted in favor.

F. NEW APPLICATIONS – None

G. OLD BUSINESS- None

H. NEW BUSINESS-

a. **Endorsement of DEEP Recreational Trails Program Application**

J Gigliotti reported on this Grant the town has been working on since 2015. The GRANT essentially creates a pedestrian / bike trail next to larger trail networks. The result of this connection would run a contiguous trail from East Lyme to the Massachusetts border. Mr. Gigliotti is looking for an endorsement from the Conservation Commission to proceed to the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting scheduled for October 18, 2018 requesting their endorsement for submission of the application.

Motion made by R. Meyer stating the Conservation Commission endorses the Planning & Zoning Departments submission of a trail grant application to the CT DEEP Recreational Trails Program.

Seconded by S. Travis. All members voted in favor.

I. **ENFORCEMENT**- None

J. **CONSERVATION**- R Meyer asked staff to check on the date of the Annual Conference that takes place in November. Staff will check on the date and report back.

K. **CORRESPONDENCE**-

a. **Wetland Administrative Permits Issued**- 2 Agent Approvals were issued; 176 Bulkeley Hill & 27 Red Schoolhouse Road.

b. **Staff updates & other correspondence**-

J Gigliotti reported on the annually nationwide program that picks up trash in the watershed area and was very successful again this year and will continue with the program next year.

J. Gigliotti stated the South Eastern Connecticut Council of Governments recently received a \$300k Grant from the federal highway association to do a regional bike and pedestrian trail. This is an overall plan of the 12 towns that reside in the New London County and will identify the trail resources, bike and trail resources, including sidewalks.

J. Gigliotti submitted photos of the damage the recent rain has done to some of the culverts and roads throughout town.

L. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by R. Meyer to adjourn the October 10, 2018 Colchester Conservation Commission Meeting at 7:22PM. Seconded by S. Bruening. All members voted in Favor. Motion Carried

Chairman von Plachecki adjourned the October 10, 2018 Conservation Commission meeting at 7:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kamey Cavanaugh, Recording Clerk