

Town of Colchester
Open Space Advisory Committee
Monday, November 13, 2017
Colchester Town Hall 6:00 PM
Regular Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Vice-Chairman William Hochholzer, Mary Stevens, Ted Fuini, B.O.S. Liaison Rosemary Coyle and Town Staff Jay Gigliotti

Members Absent: Chairman Nick Norton

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Vice-Chairman William Hochholzer called the 11/13/17 OSAC Meeting to order at 6:00pm
2. **Citizens Comments:** None
3. **Approval of the September 11, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mary Stevens motioned to approve the 9/11/17 meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Ted Fuini. Ted Fuini abstained. All other Members voted in favor. Motion Carried

4. **Open Space:**

A. Staff Updates:

Commuter Lot Clean-up:

Jay Gigliotti explained that working with the Salmon River Watershed Steering Committee, a clean-up day of the banks of the meadow brook at the Route 2/ 149 Commuter Parking lot was organized for CME Assoc. to collect and bag garbage on a Saturday in mid-November. The town then agreed to take the garbage which was collected by the CME & Assoc. volunteers. The list of items they cleaned-up was impressive. The tally was as follows:

-1 Mattress box-spring, 2 car batteries, 8 tires, 42 single-use plastic bags, 201+ plastic H2O Bottles, 313 other plastic containers, 110 glass bottles, 33 nippers, 56 aluminum cans, 63 styrofoam cups, 52 fast food containers, 8 diapers, 1 carpet, 5 pharmaceuticals/ syringes, 9 articles of clothing, 2 pieces of furniture, 12 bags of domestic garbage, 16 street sweeper bristles. All of the garbage was bagged and piled in the corner of the commuter lot. Jay Gigliotti explained that the town was able to take the garbage and other items and dispose of it in the Transfer Station.

Mr. Gigliotti went on to explain that since the committee had done this clean-up with CME, the watershed group has been contacted by a number of other companies, looking to do some team-building/ volunteer work. The goal seems to be pretty clear, to do the best to organize similar cleanups of town/state open space areas on a somewhat regular basis and get as much property cleaned up as possible.

Norton Mill Update:

Jay Gigliotti explained to the committee that he wanted to give an update on the status of the Norton Mill project on Route 149. He explained that the Town's environmental firm was working on completing the final assessment of the contamination at the property. The firm has drilled a series of 48 temporary, geo-probe holes at the site, and is collecting contamination data from each hole. The data which is obtained from this final assessment, shall ultimately dictate how the remainder of the contamination on the site is either going to be cleaned or mitigated. He provided a series of maps on where the holes were being drilled and where the remainder of the work is occurring.

Salmon River Watershed Annual Report

Jay Gigliotti explained that the Salmon River Watershed Partnership group came out with their 2017 Annual report. He provided copies for each member and explained that it was a few months old, but he wanted all of the members to have one. The report provides a good overview of what the watershed group is and does. The town has a significant amount of land in the Salmon River Watershed so what the group is doing and accomplishing has a definite impact on Colchester. The annual report provides a summary of all the data collected and a listing of all the events the group took place in.

Colchester Land Trust Annual Report

Jay Gigliotti had received a copy of the Colchester Land Trust's annual report for 2017. He passed the annual report around and highlighted some of contents of the report. He explained that he only had one copy this evening, but would be more than happy to either scan or make copies for anyone who was interested. He also commended the Colchester Land Trust on their significant amount of activity other the course of 2017. He said Colchester is very lucky to have such an active land trust in town.

5. **Any Other Business Deemed Necessary:** None

6. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Mary Stevens to adjourn the 11/13/17 meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee, seconded by Ted Fuini. All members voted in Favor. Motion Carried.

Vice-Chairman William Hochholzer adjourned the November 13, 2017 OSAC meeting at 6:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jay Gigliotti