

**Town of Colchester**  
**Open Space Advisory Committee**  
**Monday, December 10, 2018**  
**Colchester Town Hall 6:00 PM**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chairman Will Hochholzer, Mary Stevens, Linda Grzeika, Kris Barnard and Town Staff Jay Gigliotti

**Members Absent:** Vice-Chairman Ted Fuini, Nick Norton, B.O.S. Liaison Rosemary Coyle

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman William Hochholzer called the 12/10/18 OSAC Meeting to order at 6:00pm
2. **Citizens Comments:** None
3. **Approval of the November 19, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

Linda Grzeika motioned to approve the 11/19/18 OSAC meeting minutes as written. **Seconded by Kris Barnard.** All members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

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4. **Open Space:**

**Colchester Right to Farm Sign**

Jay Gigliotti provided the OSAC with an update to the Right to Farm Sign. He explained that he and the Town Engineer have been working with a representative from the Colchester Land Trust to develop application for CT DOT encroachment permits for the placement of these signs along state owned roads. In addition explained that they are also working to develop locations for the signs along town owned roads. There are many more locations of the right to farm signs than Jay Gigliotti had previously discussed with the OSAC.

**CT DEEP Brownfields**

Jay Gigliotti explained that property owners from two properties, town staff and a representative from the Salmon River Watershed are meeting with the CT DEEP Department of Economic & Community Development Office of Brownfield Remediation & Development, the week of December 17, 2018. The goal of this meeting is further the town's ability to obtain a brownfield assessment or redevelopment grant. This may work well with the UCONN Brownfield initiative the town has already applied for. Jay Gigliotti shall keep the OSAC updated on the progress.

**Route 85 Reconstruction at the Airline Trail**

Jay Gigliotti explained that he has received a number of concerns regarding the Airline Trail being closed at the point where it crosses over Route 85. The closure is actually in the Town of Hebron, but separates the Airline Trail Spur which connects into Colchester's downtown area. The reason for the closure is due to the road/ culvert replacement occurring on Route 85. The work was required as a portion of Route 85 washed out during the heavy rains the area received at the end of September. Jay Gigliotti explained that he had spoken to CT DOT and the repair should be completed by the end of the week. Once complete the Trail should be reopened, although final work shall most likely continue for several weeks after.

5. **Any Other Business Deemed Necessary:**

**Updated Contact Information**

The Colchester Town Clerk sent around a notice to all of the boards and commission requesting that the members review the contact information that the clerk has on file. The Clerk's office has had several recent examples of contact information that was not current. Jay Gigliotti provided the members with a copy of the current OSAC contact information that is on

file in the Clerk's office. All members present confirmed that the contact information shown was accurate and Jay Gigliotti stated that he will confirm the contact information from the members who were absent at the 12/10/18 meeting.

6. **Adjournment**

**Motion made by Linda Grzeika to adjourn the 12/10/18 meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee, seconded by Kris Barnard. All Members Voted in Favor. Motion Carried.**

Chairman William Hochholzer adjourned the December 10, 2018 OSAC meeting at 6:13pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jay Gigliotti