

Town of Colchester
Open Space Advisory Committee
Monday, January 14, 2019
Colchester Town Hall 6:00 PM
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: Nick Norton and Kris Barnard

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman William Hochholzer called the 1/14/19 OSAC Meeting to order at 6:01 pm

The agenda was amended indicate approval of the December 10, 2018 minutes

2. **Citizens Comments:** None

3. **Approval of the December 10, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes:**

The 12/10/18 minutes shall be amended to indicate Mary Stevens and Vice-Chairman Ted Fuini were absent

Ted Fuini motioned to approve the 12/10/18 OSAC meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Mary Stevens. All members voted in favor. Motion Carried.

4. **Open Space:**

a. North Pond, Windham Ave Subdivision

Jay Gigliotti explained this was a preliminary discussion of a potential subdivision application. The proposed subdivision is located on Windham Ave and consists of 37 Lots, on a property approx. 150 acres in size. The majority of the lot is wooded, except for a large pond. The proposal includes the construction of new roads and approx. 50 acres of open space.

Mark Reynolds, P.E. and Peter Carli presented the project to the OSAC. The commission discussed the amount and location of the natural resources on the property, including greenways, wetlands and abutting open space.

The OSAC did not act on this item. The OSAC will wait to act until an application has been received.

b. Scott Hill Road and Reservoir Road Subdivision

Jay Gigliotti indicated this was a preliminary discussion on another potential subdivision application. The proposed subdivision is located at the Scott Hill Road/ Reservoir Road intersection. The property is wooded and contains a significant amount of wetlands. No new roads are proposed and the applicant is designating 4.24 acres as open space.

The applicant was not present and the OSAC discussed the property's natural resources, proximity to greenways and abutting open space. The property abuts the Norwich Public Utilities Deep River Reservoir. During the preliminary discussions, the applicant stated if the town did not want the land, the reservoir would probably want it to increase the protection of their watershed.

The OSAC discussed the requirements of open space in a subdivision. Fee in lieu of open space and connection to greenways were discussed for both subdivisions. Also, staff will determine if private property is transferred to the Deep River Reservoir, will continued to be taxed.

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

Linda Grzeika is on the Board of Selectman Agenda for reappointment to the OSAC, Thursday, January 17, 2019

6. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Vice-Chair Ted Fuini to adjourn the 1/14/19 meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee, seconded by Mary Stevens. All Members Voted in Favor. Motion Carried.

Chairman William Hochholzer adjourned the January 14, 2019 OSAC meeting at 6:52 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Jay Gigliotti