

1. CALL TO ORDER Chairman Mathieu called this Regular Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

CAYLE FURMAN
TOWN CLERK

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Joseph Mathieu, Secretary Mark Noniewicz, and Vice Chairman John Novak, Jason Tinelle, Meaghan Kehoegreen, Bruce Hayn, and Alternate: Beverly Seeley

ABSENT: Karen Godbout

STAFF PRESENT: Randy Benson, Planning Director, Daphne Schaub, Assistant Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer; Kamey Cavanaugh, Clerk

3. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA *M Noniewicz made a motion, J Novak second, to add Agenda item 11B – Colchester Right to Farm Community.*

The motion carried 7-0-0

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

September 26, 2018 – M Noniewicz made a motion, J Novak second, to approve the minutes of September 26, 2018.

The motion carried 7-0-0

5. PUBLIC HEARING None

6. FIVE MINUTE SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC None

7. PENDING APPLICATIONS None

8. NEW APPLICATIONS None

9. PRELIMINARY REVIEWS None

10. OLD BUSINESS None

11. PLANNING ISSUES AND DISCUSSIONS

- A. **Endorsement of DEEP Recreational Trails Program Application** – Randal Benson reported to the commission the Recreational Trail Grant that the Town has applied for which would connect the Goodwin Trail out of East Lyme to the Airline Trail in Colchester, along Cemetery Road. The design phase is completed and at this time the town is applying for a Grant to fund the project. Town Staff is looking for the Planning and Zoning Commission to endorse the application that will be submitted to the DEEP. The signal and crossing locations along with proposed signage was discussed. There was a public meeting held on October 4th at the Colchester Library where residents were invited to discuss the project, concerns, and any questions they might have had. B Seeley suggested having the trail head up Rt 16.

Resident Chris Bourke, 391 Westchester Road, expressed his concerns for this to be a public danger. Mr. Bourke suggested a sidewalk being placed off of Loomis Road and up Rt 16, then turn onto Rt 149. The blind turn on Cemetery Road is very concerning.

B Seeley also expressed concern with the crosswalk and the danger on Rt 149

J Mathieu explained the matter before the Planning and Zoning is to endorse staff to apply for a DEEP Grant. The design has already been completed and is currently not a Planning and Zoning issue. If the Grant is received the plans will need further DOT approval.

M Noniewicz made a motion, J Novak seconded, to endorse the DEEP Recreational Trails Program Application.

The motion carried 7-0-0

B. Colchester Right to Farm Community- D Schaub was contacted by the Land Trust and the Agriculture Commission to discuss the sign regulations. They have created a Colchester Right to Farm sign and would like to have permission to place them around town. The signs have been before the Board of Selectman who in return would like input from the Planning and Zoning commission for endorsement as this commission oversees the sign regulations. Bruce Hayn asked who would own / maintain the signs once in place. Chris Bourke stated at this time the signs are permitted on private property however the goal is to have them placed throughout the town in various locations. With the endorsement from the Planning and Zoning Commission the request to have the signs placed throughout the town can move forward. B. Hayn expressed his concern with the signs ending up costing the taxpayer's money to maintain in the long run.

J Novak made a motion, seconded by M Noniewicz to endorse the Colchester Right to Farm Community Signage Initiative and recommends its adoption by the Board of Selectman.

The motion carried 7-0-0

12. PLANNING ISSUES AND DISCUSSIONS None

13. ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORT None

14. CORRESPONDENCE None

15. ADJOURNMENT

B Hayn made a motion, and B Seeley seconded to adjourn the October 17, 2018 Planning and Zoning meeting at 7:39 p.m.

The motion carried 7-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kamey Cavanaugh
Recording Clerk