



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

TUESDAY, May 27, 2014

7:30 PM - Town Hall, Conf. Room A

PRESENT: Stephen Edwards, Vice Chairman (acting Chairman); Dori Wollen, Secretary; Cathy Alfandre; and Elliot Leonard

ABSENT: Roy Gosse, Chairman; Stephen Corti; and Steven Hume

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER: Steve Edwards called the meeting to order at approximately 7:34 p.m. Elliot Leonard arrived soon after, at 7:37pm.

2. INLAND WETLANDS APPLICATIONS:

A. #14-469, 1220 Sport Hill Road - Diana R. Nicola - Clean existing pond of muck and debris. Received 2/25/14+65=5/1/14 w/approved 65-day extension to 7/5/14. Applicant is waiting for contractor's detailed plan.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

A. V#05-143--Notice of Violation at 740 Stepney Road--**Neunteufel and VonKuthy**, issued 7/5/05

B. Cease and Desist Order for property located at 740 Stepney Road-- **Neunteufel and VonKuthy**, issued 7/20/05

C. V#08-153—Notice of Violation at 68 Sport Hill Parkway—**Michael Newman**, issued 12/1/08 (See Item 12.A.)

D. Cease and Remediate order for 68 Sport Hill Parkway--**Michael Newman**, issued 4/21/09

E. V#11-158, Notice of Violation at 580 Sport Hill Road—**Austin Ganim**, issued 5/24/11

F. V#12-162, Notice of Violation at 45 Heritage Drive--**Eve Lashar** issued 3/27/12

G. V#13-166, Notice of Violation at 235 Redding Road—**Darren Andreoli**, issued 7/10/13

H. Amended Wetlands Permit #10-389, 288 Maple Road - Helena Morf, 4-lot subdivision. The Commission is looking into what has been done thus far re this application. Report from the DEEP stated that Ron Ochman is working on the project and the State does not require bonds for a construction project authorized by them, unless it is on a State-owned dam.

I. V#14-474, Notice of Violation at 40 Sherwood Road - Brian Alberino and Sarah Gerard, issued 5/5/14. The certified Notice of Violation letter was returned "Unclaimed" after repeated notification. The Commission will address the issue in the upcoming week.

- J. V#14-475, Notice of Violation at 175-177 Everett Road – Dennis and Holly Pryor, issued 5/5/14. The homeowner spoke with Phil Doremus, noting that he had spread bad feed hay on the ground, but Brian Roach of Aquarion maintains that it is, instead, excessive barn waste. Phillip Doremus will follow up with the property owners.
- K. V#13-164, Notice of Violation at 88 Beers Road—**Arthur and Carrie Maisano**. Lift letter issued. This item will be removed once the letter is filed.

NOTE: Phil Doremus, WEO is in the process of visiting the properties above to assess their current status.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. DWI #14-476, 24 Mills Lane—Katherine Kuhn. Determination of Wetland Impact. Property owner plans to demolish existing house on property and build new house. The Commission determined that the homeowner needs to ask Mark Ochman of Ochman Associates to measure the distance from the Aspetuck River to the septic area as well as the activity on the other side of the property to the adjacent wetlands. If the activity is more than 200 feet and 100 feet away, respectively, there is no need for an Inland Wetlands permit. Steve Edwards pointed out that if the proposed septic system is within the regulated area, it could be relocated out of the regulated area. The Members will wait to hear from Mr. Ochman.

A motion was made by Dori Wollen to add “Discussion regarding bond for 53 Ridgeway” to the Agenda under Item 4, New Business, and Cathy Alfandre seconded. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

- B. Discussion regarding bond for 53 Ridgeway—Taking into consideration Wetland Enforcement Officer Phillip Doremus’s recommendation to release the \$1,200 bond which was held until required fencing and stabilization was complete, Dori Wollen made a motion to release the 53 Ridgeway bond for \$1,200, and Elliot Leonard seconded. The vote was unanimous, motion carried. A memo requesting the release will be sent to the comptroller.

5. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING & ZONING: Please note Determination of Wetland Impact, Item A. under “4. NEW BUSINESS”, above.

- 6. CONSERVATION PROJECTS:** The following comments were passed on from Steve Corti to the Members via email earlier today: Steve Corti spoke with Jim Wright of James Wright Builders, LLC, who will work to complete the drainage repairs at Paine before fiscal year end. Steve may also try to get a few estimates for other water crossings at Paine that are in need of repair (work to be done in the new fiscal year). Steve also spoke with Mike Sabia re mowing open space property if needed in the coming months.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Letter received May 21, 2014 from Connecticut Pond Services re Permit Application for the Use of Pesticides in State Waters at 166 Banks Road. Duly noted.
- B. Letter from Town of Weston re application for Aspetuck Valley Country Club, 67 Old Redding Road, Modification to Approved Master Plan. Duly noted.

8. OPEN-SPACE ISSUES:

- A. This past week Steve Corti reported that there, again, has been ATV activity at Paine Open Space; he has since reported this activity to the police.

9. WEO COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Memo to Commission recommending release of bond for 53 Ridgeway (as noted in Item 4.B.)

10. SITE WALKS: None

11. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:

- A. After a typo was noted, Elliot Leonard made a motion to accept the May 13, 2014 Minutes as amended, and Cathy Alfandre seconded. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

12. MISCELLANEOUS:

- A. Call from the secretary of the Fairfield Conservation Commission to let this Commission know of a Toll House Lane (Fairfield) resident's concern regarding activity in a yard across the Mill River at 68 Sport Hill Parkway, a property currently on the Agenda for a Violation and Cease and Desist order. The Toll House Lane homeowner reported non-permitted activity in the regulated area involving the removal of a number of trees. Phillip Doremus has been to Toll House Lane to view the backyard property across the river, but was unable to ascertain the nature of the activity. Mr. Doremus will revisit the area in the coming week. (See Items C and D under "3. OLD BUSINESS")

13. ADJOURNMENT:

- A. Dori Wollen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m., and Elliot Leonard seconded. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

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