



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
EASTON TOWN HALL—CONFERENCE ROOM A
TUESDAY, February 10, 2015
7:30 PM**

PRESENT: Stephen Edwards, Vice Chairman; Dori Wollen, Secretary; Stephen Corti; Steven Hume; Elliot Leonard; and Sarah Cwikla, Alternate

ABSENT: Roy Gosse, Chairman and Catherine Alfandre

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: Steve Edwards, Vice Chairman, sitting in for Chairman Roy Gosse, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.

1. INLAND WETLANDS APPLICATIONS: The Commission currently has no Inland Wetlands applications to review.

2. UNFINISHED 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
- 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
Steve Edwards will speak with First Selectman Adam Dunsby regarding the noted violation to discuss gaining approval for legal review.
- F. V#13-166, Notice of Violation at 235 Redding Road—**Darren Andreoli**, issued 7/10/13. As WEO, Phillip Doremus gave a written recommendation to the Commission to lift the above-noted violation. Dori Wollen made a motion to approve lifting of Violation #13-166 at 235 Redding Road, and Steve Corti seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. Amended Wetlands Permit #10-389, 288 Maple Road – Helena Morf, 4-lot subdivision. Awaiting update from Mark Ochman.
- H. V#14-474, Notice of Violation at 40 Sherwood Road – **Brian Alberino and Sarah Gerard**, issued 5/5/14.

- I. V#14-475, Notice of Violation at 175-177 Everett Road – **Dennis and Holly Pryor**, issued 5/5/14. As WEO, Phillip Doremus gave a written recommendation to the Commission to lift the above-noted violation, noting that it was determined that there has been no evidence of mishandling of collected barn waste at this site. Dori Wollen made a motion to approve lifting of Violation #14-475 at 175-177 Everett Road, and Elliot Leonard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- J. Discussion with Attorney Hal Rosnick re open space land swap off of Riverside Lane. This item is on hold until the snow melts and the Members have had an opportunity to walk the site.
- K. DWI #15-484, Determination of Wetland Impact, Town of Easton, 515 Morehouse Road. Solar Photovoltaic System to be located behind Samuel Staples Elementary School, 515 Morehouse Road. Carroll Brook of Easton's Clean Energy Task Force was present to discuss the project with the Commission. The Members reviewed the new information, including three maps, received in-office January 28, 2015 and determined that a memorandum will be given to the Planning & Zoning Commission stating that this Commission has determined that there is no regulated activity, but in light of Aquarion's concern (see "Correspondence", Item "A"), the Commission is making the following recommendations: 1) That the Planning and Zoning Commission requests that the 100-foot setback be staked; and, 2) The silt fence should be placed along the eastern side of the 100-foot regulated area line.

4. NEW BUSINESS: See "Miscellaneous"

5. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING & ZONING: See "Unfinished Business", Item "K", above.

6. CONSERVATION PROJECTS:

- A. Steve Corti reported that he, with assistance, recently took down two large trees at Paine Open Space.
- B. Regarding repair/replacement work at several crossings at Paine Open Space, Steve Corti informed the Members that the projects will be done one at a time and will take place after the frost is gone. Steve Corti asked the Commission's secretary, Krista Kot to begin filling out an application for the repair of the first crossing.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Hand-delivered letter from Brian T. Roach, Supervisor, Environmental Protection, Aquarion Water Company, dated February 3, 2015 regarding "Proposed Solar Energy Collection Facility at the Samuel Staples Elementary School". This letter related to and was addressed under "Unfinished Business", Item "K", above.

8. OPEN-SPACE ISSUES:

- A. Vote on new name for open space property off Morehouse Road next to Animal Shelter. Steve Corti made a motion to name the open space property on Morehouse Road, currently called "Parcel X", "Morehouse Open Space", and Dori Wollen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. WEO COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. The Members requested that Phillip Doremus, WEO check on the following properties:
- 1) 25 Rock House Road—The silt fence is down and material seems to be migrating into the wetlands; and,
 - 2) 70 Redding Road--The Members asked Mr. Doremus to look at a wall that has been constructed along the Aspetuck River.

10. SITE WALKS:

- A. 20 Riverside Lane (Both 20 [Lot 5] and 30 [Lot 6] are owned by same party.)--when snow melts.

11. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:

- A. Steve Hume made a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 13, 2015 Meeting, and Elliot Leonard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

12. MISCELLANEOUS:

- A. Vote on drafted Annual Report—Dori Wollen made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 Annual Report for the Conservation Commission, and Steve Corti seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Vote on upcoming year's budget—Elliot Leonard made a motion to accept the proposed 2015-2016 fiscal year budget, and Steve Hume seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** Dori Wollen made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:12 p.m., and Steve Corti seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PREPARED and FILED
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