



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TUESDAY, April 22, 2014
7:30 PM - Town Hall, Conf. Room A

PRESENT: Roy Gosse, Chairman; Dori Wollen, Secretary; Stephen Corti; Catherine Alfandre; Steven Hume, and Elliot Leonard
ABSENT: Stephen Edwards, Vice Chairman

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Roy Gosse called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.

2. **INLAND WETLANDS APPLICATIONS:**

NOTE: As representatives were present for Items "C" and "D", and Item "B" is a Town-initiated application, the Commission addressed Items "C" and "D" first, and then went back to Items "A" and "B".

- A. #14-469, 1220 Sport Hill—Diana R. Nicola. Clean existing pond of muck and debris. Received 2/25/14+65=5/1/14. The Commission is awaiting a more detailed plan. The Members received a request for extension for this application. Finding no reason to deny the request, Steve Corti made a motion to approve a 65-day extension, and Dori Wollen seconded. The vote was unanimous, motion carried. The new deadline, with the extension, is now July 5, 2014. Note: Per Section 11.2 of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations of the Town of Easton, 65 days is the maximum allowable extension; therefore, no further extensions will be allowed on this application.
- B. #14-470, Paine Open Space at Maple Road—Town of Easton. Replace corroded 20-inch galvanized drainage pipe. Received 4/8/14+65=6/12/14. The Members discussed the project. Steve Corti informed the Commission that the replacement pipe will be set, backfill will be put in, the backfill will be tamped to minimize settling, more fill will be added, with more tamping to follow. The fill over the pipe will be crowned, so over time it will flatten out. The Members were in agreement that James F. Wright Excavation LLC was the most appropriate contractor for the job, based on the company's reasonable bid and its history of satisfactory work done for the town. Dori Wollen made a motion to approve Application #14-470, to replace a corroded drainage pipe, with work being done in accordance with Member Steve Corti's description given at the April 22, 2014 meeting. Cathy Alfandre seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

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- C. #14-471, 29 Wyldewood Road—David and Janet Bonheim. Construct new septic system within the 100-foot review area. Received 4/8/14+65=6/12/14. Larry Edwards of J. Edwards & Associates was present. Having walked the property, the Members discussed the application. Satisfied, Dori Wollen made a motion to approve Application #14-471, to construct a new septic system within the 100-foot review area, according to the Map dated October 15, 2012, with the most recent revision date of March 31, 2014, and Steve Hume seconded. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.
- D. #14-472, 74 Sherwood Drive (previously noted incorrectly as “Sherwood Road”)—Edward J. Kowalczyk. Install 10’x12’ shed. Received 4/22/14+65=6/26/14. Mr. Kowalczyk outlined his proposal to install a 10’x12’ shed, noting a great deal of wetlands on his property. The homeowner would like to locate the shed behind the house, abutting the stone wall delineating the usable yard from the Conservation easement. The Members asked the applicant to flag the corners of the proposed shed in preparation for a site walk.
- E. #14-473, 25 Easton Heights Lane—Michael Coates, Connecticut Permit Services, LLC, agent for Paradise Electric. Upgrade electrical service to 400 amp. Received 4/22/14+65=6/26/14. As no representative was present, the Members discussed the application, citing that a profile of depth would be needed as well as information as to where the contractor plans to deposit the spoils, assuming that it will be used to re-fill the trench after the work is completed. The Commission asked Krista Kot, Department Secretary to call the applicant to request the above information as well as advise that no work is to begin until after a permit has been issued, if that is the case.

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
- 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#13-164, Notice of Violation at 88 Beers Road—**Arthur and Carrie Maisano**, issued 4/3/12. With the written recommendation of Phillip Doremus, WEO, to remove the above-noted violation, Dori Wollen made a motion to remove Violation #13-164, and Cathy Alfandre seconded. The vote was unanimous, motion carried. The removal will become final upon the filing of the Violation removal letter with the Town Clerk's office.
 - H. V#13-166, Notice of Violation at 235 Redding Road—**Darren Andreoli**, issued 7/10/13
 - I. Amended Wetlands Permit #10-389, 288 Maple Road—Helena Morf, 4-lot subdivision. The Commission is looking into what has been done thus far regarding this application. Krista Kot said she would contact CT DEEP to ask for a status report.
 - J. Conservation V#14-167, Notice of Conservation Violation at 46 Sherwood Road--Christy A. Reuben, issued March 31, 2014. Considering input from Phillip Doremus, WEO, the Commission has reconsidered its issuance of the above-noted violation. With this in mind, Dori Wollen made a motion to remove Violation #14-167, and Steve Corti seconded. The vote was unanimous, motion carried. The removal will become final upon the filing of the Violation removal letter with the Town Clerk's office.
- NOTE:** At their 4/22/14 meeting, the Members recommended a review by Phillip Doremus of the violations under "Old Business" to determine the current status of each item--i.e. if the violation remains, if there is new activity, and if there are any new violations. Krista Kot, Department Secretary, has relayed the request to Mr. Doremus who responded that he will visit the listed properties in the coming weeks.

4. **NEW BUSINESS:** None noted.

5. **REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING & ZONING:** None

6. **CONSERVATION PROJECTS:** None noted.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A. Letter requesting extension on Permit Application #14-469 (discussed under Item 2.A.)
- B. Email from Southwest Conservation District re "Soil Health & Cover Crop Workshop" – this information was forwarded to Jean Stetz-Puchalski, Chair, Agricultural Commission, Town of Easton.

- C. Email bid from James F. Wright Excavation, LLC re Application #14-470
(discussed under Item 2.B.)

8. OPEN-SPACE ISSUES: None

9. WEO COMMUNICATIONS: Comments are relayed to members on an ongoing basis.

10. SITE WALKS:

- A. #14-469, 1220 Sport Hill Road
- B. #14-472, 74 Sherwood Drive
- C. #14-473, Easton Heights Lane (awaiting additional plans and information)

11. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:

- A. Cathy Alfandre made a motion to accept the April 8, 2014 meeting Minutes, and Elliot Leonard seconded. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

12. MISCELLANEOUS: None

13. ADJOURNMENT: Dori Wollen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:46 p.m., and Steve Corti seconded. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

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