

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

AGENDA
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
EASTON TOWN HALL-CONFERENCE ROOM A

Tuesday, September 12, 2023, IN PERSON at 7:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a.) **V#21-584**, Notice of Violation at 1074 Blackrock Road-Trevor A. Smith, issued 3/9/2021. Mr. Smith (3/14/23) was present to discuss the outstanding violation. He presented a soil scientist report for a part of his property only, however, this report does not deal with the area in question, i.e. the area subject to the violation. The Commission requested Mr. Smith obtain a map that shows the wetlands including the setback on his entire property. Mr. Smith agreed to have a map showing the wetlands and setback lines.
– no new information

b.) Warning re: activities within 100 feet of wetlands-David Harding, 570 Morehouse Road, Easton CT, issued May 17, 2021. Chair Wollen wrote to Mr. Harding on June 9th, 2022 levying a \$1000 fine without any response. On 10/7/22 the First Selectman advised staff that Peter Howard has been appointed as Hearing Officer and directed staff to work with his Assistant to initiate legal proceedings due to non-compliance pursuant to Chapter 325 of the Town Code. The hearing was held on December 9, 2022. During this hearing Mr. Harding asserted he had obtained a farm designation for his property. His friend and neighbor, Dan Phillips, who also appeared, said Mr. Harding's property was covered by the Stanczyk's permit for regulated activities. Mr. Harding was expected to appear at this meeting with an As of Right Determination request and also provide information regarding the alleged activities at the rear of his property. Mr. Harding has not submitted any application. Mr. Howard sent Mr. Harding a follow up letter on 1/6/23. As of tonight, 2/14/23, no word from Mr. Harding and the case will be turned over to outside counsel for further handling. - 3/28/23 – As of Right Determination request received. 5/9/2023 Since this request was incomplete and regardless of several written requests Mr. Harding failed to comply in completing the request, the application was removed from the agenda - 5/23/2023, Mr. Harding and his friend Dan Phillips appeared. Mr. Harding declined to

sign the As of Right request. He agreed to choose several dates to present to the Commission to schedule a site visit. 6/13/2023 This offer was withdrawn by Mr. Harding. Chair Wollen has asked the First Selectman to proceed with legal action (8/24/2023)

c.) V# 21-592 Activities within 100 feet of wetlands- David Harding, 570 Morehouse Road, Easton CT, issued August 12, 2021. Letter delivered by Marshall December 4th, 2021. Fine of \$1000 levied 6/9/2022.

d.) V#23-644 cease and desist order, activities within 100 feet of wetlands, - Wesley Silva, Sandra Teixeira, 22 Buttonwood Trail, Trumbull, 53 Adirondack Trail, Easton

3. NEW BUSINESS:

4. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:

5. CONSERVATION PROJECTS

6. OPEN-SPACE ISSUES

7. WEO COMMUNICATIONS:

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

9. MISCELLANEOUS: A report regarding a Forest Management Plan was submitted by Aquarion's Forester.

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10. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

11. ADJOURNMENT

Filed by Frances M. Daly
Secretary Conservation Commission