



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612
MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
EASTON TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM A
Tuesday June 11th, 2019 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Dori Wollen, Chair, Cathy Alfandre, Steve Corti, Sarah Cwikla, Steve Hume, Elliot Leonard, Steve Montgomery (alternate).

ABSENT: Vivian Hardison

Steve Montgomery was appointed to vote for Vivian Hardison.

Chair Dori Wollen called the meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m.

1.) INLAND/WETLAND APPLICATIONS:

- a.) **#19-551**-received 05/28/2019 + 65 days = 08/01//2019-**596 Sport Hill Road-Sport Hill Farm, LLC**-Fill in pond for planting crops. Allan Popp appeared on his own behalf. Dori Wollen read from a report dated 3/11/1986 from the Fairfield County Soil and Conservation District regarding this site. The report stated the pond is within a watershed of ten acres which is a very poorly drained area. The Commission considered mitigating factors, however, the property does not allow for moving the pond to another location.

MOTION: Steve Corti moved that the request to fill the pond is denied, seconded by Steve Hume. **VOTE:** The motion to deny #19-551 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

- b.)**#19-552**- received 05/28/2019 + 65 days = 08/01//2019-**358 Westport Road-George Kalamaras**-tear down existing house and rebuild 2 story house with 1 car attached garage, covered porch. The Commissioners noted that this is a very small rezoning lot which has a boundary within 100 feet of regulated area on the adjacent property.

MOTION: Steve Corti moved that #19-552 be approved with standard stipulations. Elliot Leonard seconded the motion. Cathy Alfandre added that all stone walls on the property remain intact as they provide a natural barrier towards the regulated areas.

VOTE: The motion to approve #19-542 with standard stipulations and the condition that all stone walls remain intact was passed by unanimous voice vote.

- 2.) **AS OF RIGHT DETERMINATION REQUESTS - #19-549 Sport Hill Farm, LLC - 596 Sport Hill Road.** Land surrounding pond (approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre). As noted above with permit application **#19-551**, Allan Popp appeared on behalf of this request. The Commission advised Mr. Popp that he is permitted to farm in the regulated area on his property.

- c.) **#19-553** - received 05/28/2019 + 65 days = 08/01//2019 (**See Violation # 19-550**) - **57 Ridgeway-Jason Allen Tenney**. Mr. Tenney appeared on his own behalf. Mr. Tenney stated

that his neighbor feels there is no need for Mr. Tenney to install erosion barriers towards his property (i.e. that the mound of dirt does not present a danger of eroding in the wrong direction). Chair Wollen read from the WEO's violation letter that Mr. Tenney was required to put in a silt fence to protect the wetlands from runoff. The Commission advised Mr. Tenney that it could not render a decision regarding his permit request until a plan with the wetland line on the property clearly marked is submitted. He stated that he would have Larry Edwards mark the property and amend the map to show the wetlands line. Once completed, he will return for further discussion and/or ruling of the Commission.

3 SITE WALKS:

4 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 at 740 Stepney Road--Neunteufel and VonKuthy, issued 7/20/05
- C. V#08-153, Notice of Violation at 68 Sport Hill Parkway—"68 Sport Hill Parkway, LLC"-Michael Newman, issued 12/1/08
- D. Cease and Remediate order for 68 Sport Hill Parkway—"68 Sport Hill Parkway, LLC"-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. Amended Wetlands Permit #10-389, 288 Maple Road—4-lot subdivision, property owner: Vincenzo Toscano.
- G. V#16-175, Notice of Violation at 90 Honeysuckle Hill Lane—Wanda M. Popescu, issued 7/5/16.
- H. V# 19-550, Notice of Violation at 57 Ridgeway, Jason Alen Tenney.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

7. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING: none

8. CONSERVATION PROJECTS: none

9. OPEN - SPACE ISSUES: Steve Corti reported that the Town survey of the Pain Open Space Carriage Drive Entrance has been completed, so work on the entrance can now begin. Ed Nagy has offered to bring in material to level the path. That work is about to begin at Carriage Drive and is supposed to be completed before the end of the current fiscal year on June 30th.

10. WEO COMMUNICATIONS: ongoing

11. CORRESPONDENCE: Preliminary discussions were held regarding a request from Harold Rosnick to be placed on an agenda in June for return of his conservation bond. It was noted that the Town Engineer brought up recently discovered erosion issues that will be researched.

12. MISCELLANEOUS: memo from Town Clerk Christine Halloran regarding publication of Legal Notices stating that she would now publish in the Fairfield Citizen Newspaper, a weekly publication with substantial readership in Easton. This is a change from the CT Post due to increased publishing fees. The fee charged by the Fairfield Citizen as well as the actual Easton readership will be further investigated.

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING: Steve Corti moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 28th, 2019, seconded by Elliot Leonard **VOTE:** Approved by unanimous voice vote.

14. ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Elliot Leonard and seconded by Steve Corti. **VOTE:** The vote to adjourn was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Submitted by Frances M. Daly
Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission