



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION EASTON TOWN HALL VIA ZOOM May 26, 2020 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT via Zoom: Dori Wollen, Chair, Cathy Alfandre, Sarah Cwikla, Vivian Hardison, Steve Hume, Elliot Leonard Steve Montgomery.

ABSENT: Steve Corti executive order 7 B minutes posted within 7 days of meeting

Chair Dori Wollen called the meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Steve Montgomery was appointed to vote for Steve Corti.

- 1.) **#20-564**-Received January 14, 2020 + 65 Days = 03/19/2020 + 90 days per Governors Executive Order 7I = 7/22/2020-**76 Delaware Road, Zolov, Andrew**. Divert Stream by digging a swale and installing a berm. Andrew Zolov, owner, appeared via Zoom on behalf of this application. Dori Wollen stated that a detailed description by a professional engineer the planned remediation for location 1 had been requested. Mr. Zolov submitted via e-mail, a report prepared by Justin Giorlando, P.E., of Force Engineering. Upon review, the Commission said they were satisfied with the recommendations in this report. At its earlier meeting on March 10, 2020, the Commission approved the planned remediation of locations 2 and 3.

MOTION: Steve Hume moved to approve application **#20-564** with standard stipulations, and an additional stipulation that the recommendations contained in Mr. Giorlando's report regarding area 1 of the remediation project be followed. Elliot Leonard seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion to approve application **#20-564** with standard stipulations and an additional stipulation was approved by a vote of (6) six in favor and one abstention (Vivian Hardison)

- 2.) **#20-565**- Received February 11, 2020 + 65 days = 4/16/2020 per Governors Executive Order 7I = 7/13/2020 -**Banks Road- Amerakon Partners, LLC** (Robert Maquat). Due to a clerical error this item was left off the agenda. **MOTION:** Elliott Leonard moved to amend the agenda to include this item. Cathy Alfandre seconded the motion. **VOTE:** The motion to amend the agenda to include item **# 20-565** was approved by unanimous vote. Chair Wollen stated that this application will be considered at a public hearing.
- 3.) **#20-566**-Received February 11, 2020 + 65 Days = 4/16/2020- per Governors Executive Order 7I = 7/13/2020. **As Of Right Determination Banks Road-Amerakon, LLC** (Robert Maquat). Due to a clerical error this item was left off the agenda. **MOTION:** Elliott Leonard moved to amend the agenda to include this item. Cathy Alfandre seconded the motion. **VOTE:** The motion to amend the agenda to include item **# 20-565** was approved by unanimous vote. Chair Wollen stated that this application will be considered at a public hearing.

- 4.) **#20-567-Received 3/10/2020 + 65 Days =5/13/2020 + 90 days per Governors Executive Order 7I -195 Adams Road-** Danielle Costa, applicant. Grading, Septic System, Move Driveway.
Claudia dos Santos de Lima, owner, appeared via Zoom on behalf of this application. She stated that she wants to build a garage with a master bedroom, bathroom and closet on the second floor above the garage, and a pool, all behind the existing house. Several Commissioners noted that the application did not reflect these items. Ms. dos Santos de Lima is to send the secretary any amendments to the application which she wants the Commission to consider. Chair Wollen asked that Ms. dos Santos de Lima have her contractor stake the proposed projects so that a site walk can take place.

5.) **#15-494 -40 Far Horizons Drive-** Stefan Abelin. Larry Edwards had appeared on behalf of the applicant at the meeting on March 10, 2020 and stated the request for the amendment is due to a change of the plans at the request of Planning and Zoning. The amendment is to add a rain garden and to improve the drainage of the project. P&Z has closed the Public Hearing on this project and is awaiting our input/ comments. **MOTION:** Cathy Alfandre moved to approve the amendment to **#15-494** to add a rain garden and approve the additional drainage of the project at the request of P&Z and DPW subject to the a last review by the WEO. Steve Hume seconded the motion. **VOTE:** The amendment to **#15-494-40 Far Horizons Drive** was approved by unanimous voice vote.

5.) **SITE WALKS: 195 Adams Road**

6.) **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. Warning re: activities within 100 feet of wetlands- The MG Easton Company, Harvester Road, Easton CT 06612 issued 10/10/2019.

7.) **NEW BUSINESS**

8.) **REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:** Application for determination of wetlands impact-**20 Todds Way** – Installation of ground mounted solar array. There are no wetlands on the property and P&Z will be informed accordingly.

9.) **CONSERVATION PROJECTS:**

10.) **OPEN - SPACE ISSUES:** Steve Corti reported via phone to Chair Dori Wollen that there were 13 fallen trees on the Paine Property. He solicited bids for clearing up and removing these trees. The Commission discussed the bids and chose the low bidder Easton Arborists.

11.) **WEO COMMUNICATIONS:**

12.) **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Town of Weston Conservation Commission copied this commission on an application they have received from the Aspetuck valley Golf Club. The

Town of Weston has not yet provided any map showing the work to be done. The secretary was directed to contact Weston and ask for a map.

13.) MISCELLANEOUS: Land Use Director Justin Giorlando has requested the Commission to write a letter of support for the purchase of a parcel of the South Park Property by Aspetuck Land Trust, which would be helpful in obtaining a state grant. The Commission discussed this request, and agreed that such a letter can be sent.

Chair Dori Wollen reported that during the period of Covid 19 shutdown advised Mr. Popescu of 95 Honeysuckle Lane that he could remove several fallen pine trees, after both she and the WEO had looked at the property. She corresponded with Mr. Popescu via e-mail. Copies of the e-mail exchange will be placed in the correspondence file.

Chair Wollen also reported that she had been contacted by Mr. Kortum of 295 Westport Road asking to cut down dead trees in wetlands. She visited the property and advised that he could remove the trees but would be asked to file a retroactive application for proper approval.

A discussion of the Public Hearing regarding the banks Road applications was held which had been tentatively rescheduled for June 9th, 2020. As it is unlikely that any meeting room would be open for a public meeting by that date, it was discussed to postpone the meeting until July 7th.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

15. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

MOTION: A motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2020 regular meeting minutes was made by Vivian Hardison, seconded by Elliot Leonard. **VOTE:** The minutes of the February 25, 2020 regular meeting were approved by a vote of 5 in favor and 2 abstentions (Cathy Alfandre and Vivian Hardison)

16. ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vivian Hardison and seconded by Steve Montgomery. **VOTE:** Approved by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by Frances M. Daly
Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission