



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
EASTON TOWN HALL VIA ZOOM**

**June 23, 2020 7:30 p.m.**

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

**ABSENT:** Sarah Cwikla, Steve Corti

Public present via Zoom: Attorney Janet Brooks, Jeff Becker, Dan Lent, June Logie, Bill Kupinse, John Harris, Grant Monsarrat, Robert Wyatt, Fred D'Amico, Elizabeth Capela, Claudia de Lima dos Santos, Robert Pryor, P.E.,

Chair Dori Wollen called the meeting called to order at 7:31 p.m.

Steve Montgomery was appointed to vote for Sarah Cwikla.

- 1.) **#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, build 2 story addition containing 2 car garage and bedroom, bathroom and closet. Robert Pryor P.E., appeared via Zoom on behalf of this application. Cathy Alfandre asked if the stockpile near the top of the driveway is to be used for the excavation of the addition or the pool. Mr. Pryor answered that the addition will not have a basement, but will only be excavated to the frost line, and will be constructed on a concrete slab. Chair Wollen asked how long the stockpile will be maintained as the owner had stated she does not plan to build the pool at this time. Cathy Alfandre asked for a building sequence. Mr. Pryor answered that his plan is to build the addition and the pool at the same time and that he would confer with the owner. He was questioned about the shed, concrete pad and other building shown on the site plan, which were not apparent during the site walks. He answered that the shed and concrete pad are visible and will remain, but that the surveyor had uncovered the partial remains of an earlier building which will not be disturbed. There were additional questions regarding the height of the retaining wall, the rain garden, the distance of the septic system from the wetlands and how close the pool will be to the septic system. Chair Wollen asked if a new map could be prepared showing additional information about these topics. Mr. Pryor agreed to prepare one for the next meeting.
- 2.) **#20-568-Received 6/23/2020 + 65 Days = 8/27/2020-20 Banks Road-**Construct New House-Drain within 100 feet of wetlands. Fred D'Amico, engineer appeared on behalf of the applicant. The plan is to build a new home which has a detention galley, the only portion of the project that approaches wetlands southwest of the proposed house and driveway. The Chair asked Mr. D'Amico to stake the detention galley and the driveway. He offered to have the site cleared outside of the 100 foot setback.
- 3.) **SITE WALKS: 20 Banks Road**

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

**5.) NEW BUSINESS:** The Commission noted receipt of a DEEP Pesticide Permit Application to control aquatic vegetation in the pond at 85 Norton Road.

**6.) REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING;**

**7.) CONSERVATION PROJECTS:**

**8.) OPEN - SPACE ISSUES:** Easton Arborists submitted their invoice for tree removal at Paine. Steve Hume reported that when he visited Paine Open Space he noted that the main driveway had been repaired by DPW. Members of the public asked about the mowing schedule at Paine Open Space, and also at Staples which is not open space. The public was advised to check with Recreation and Parks regarding that area.

**9.) WEO COMMUNICATIONS:**

**10.) CORRESPONDENCE:** E-Mail from Justin Giorlando regarding the South Park property stated he would submit the maps requested at the last meeting, but has not yet received them from Mark Ochman.

**11.) MISCELLANEOUS:** Chair Wollen read an e-mail from Robert Maquat confirming that his withdrawal request of June 9, 2020 covered both his application(20-565) and his as of right determination request (20-566). Therefore the Intervenor status granted to Dan Lent regarding those applications is no longer in effect.

She reported that as the alleged violations on Mr. Maquat's property are still under investigation she was not able to discuss the subject.

Attorney Brooks spoke about the allegations and reported that Mr. lent hired an engineer. Dan Lent spoke about the allegations. A Commissioner asked why the alleged violations had not been reported at the time the conditions were noted by Mr. Lent.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS.** Vivian Hardison moved to amend the minutes to more accurately reflect her statements. **MOTION:** A motion to approve the minutes of the June 9th, 2020 meeting minutes as amended was made by Elliot Leonard, seconded by Vivian Hardison. **VOTE:** The minutes of the May 26, 2020 meeting were approved as amended by unanimous vote.

**16. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cathy Alfandre and seconded by Elliot Leonard. **VOTE:** Approved by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Submitted by Frances M. Daly

Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission