



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM AND IN TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
FEBRUARY 9, 2021 7:30 p.m.**

PRESENT IN PERSON: Dori Wollen, Chair, Dave Logie (alternate)

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Cathy Alfandre, Steve Corti, Steve Hume, Elliot Leonard, Steve Montgomery (alternate).

ABSENT: Vivian Hardison, Sarah Cwikla.

Member of the public present via zoom: Maria Corti, Pete Romano, Stephen Folb.

Member of the public present in person: Richard McLaughlin

Chair Dori Wollen called the meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. Steve Montgomery was appointed to vote for Vivian Hardison, Dave Logie was appointed to vote for Sarah Cwikla.

1.) **#21-580 27 Old Oak Road**-received 02/09/2021 + 65 days = 04/15/2021- Construct new single family house, driveway, pool, pool cabana, barn and patio. Pete Romano of LandTech appeared on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Stofa. Mr. Romano explained that although this is a six acre lot, because of the regulated areas on site, only 3 acres are buildable. He stated that the applicants are living in the current house, but wish to replace it with a larger 5 bedroom house, move the driveway, and build a pool and cabana which will have a sink and toilet. There is a plan to build a barn at the rear of the property which will be used to house the owner's lawn equipment as well as some supplies and equipment for his business. Mr. Romano stated that the owners have already submitted their septic plan to the Town Health department. Chair Wollen asked Mr. Romano to advise the office when the current snow pack is sufficiently melted to allow for staking and a site walk.

#21-581 105 Norton Road-received 02/09/2021 + 65 days + 04/15/2021-create and restore a water feature and associated landscaping, Richard and Lorraine McLaughlin. Mr. McLaughlin appeared in person to present his application. Chair Wollen asked him to explain what he plans to do on property to make his neighbors happy. She advised Mr. McLaughlin that when the snowpack has melted sufficiently the Commission will visit the property together so that he can better explain his plans.

2.) **SITE WALKS:** 27 Old Oak Road, 105 Norton Road

3.) **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. Chair Wollen advised that she has written to Attorney Fallon, but has not received a reply.
- H. V#20-573, Notice of Violation at 36 Kachele Street---Remigio Melo Jr., issued 9/24/2020, Cease and Desist order. The Commission approved application #20-574, however, it left the violation in place until such time that all construction is completed satisfactorily.
- K.) Warning re: Activities within 200 feet of a 3 acre pond. Lorraine McLaughlin -105 Norton Road. Richard McLaughlin has filed application # 21-581.
- 4.) NEW BUSINESS:** Chair Wollen discussed the budget for the 21-22 fiscal year. She proposed asking for \$5000 to be used to clear hazardous trees from Paine Open Space after major storms when DPW is unavailable. **MOTION:** Steve Hume moved to accept Chair Wollen's budget proposal to include \$5000 to be used for storm cleanup at Paine Open Space. Steve Corti seconded. **VOTE:** The proposal to include a request for funds to be used to clear the trails at Paine Open Space of hazardous conditions in the Conservation Commissions 2021-2022 Budget request was approved by unanimous voice vote.
- 5.) REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:**
- 6.) CONSERVATION PROJECTS:**
- 7.) OPEN - SPACE ISSUES:** Steve Corti stated that DPW has not yet finished removing all the dangerous trees. He has to mark a trail for Parks and Recreation to work in the narrow trails.
- 8.) WEO COMMUNICATIONS:**
- 9.) CORRESPONDENCE DEEP**
- 10.) MISCELLANEOUS:** Steve Corti reported that he had technical difficulty which prevented him from participating in the meeting of 1/26/2021, and questioned the accuracy of the revised map of 301 Sport Hill Road.
- 11.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
- 12.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS. MOTION:** Steve Corti moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 26, 2021 via zoom. Steve Hume seconded. **VOTE:** The minutes from the January 12, 2021 meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.
- 13.) ADJOURNMENT: MOTION** Steve Corti moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave Logie seconded. **VOTE:** Approved by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.
Submitted by Frances M. Daly