



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CONFERENCE ROOM "A" TOWN HALL
August 10, 2021, 7:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Dori Wollen, Chair, Cathy Alfandre, Sarah Cwikla, Vivian Hardison, Dave Logie, Steve Montgomery, Karen Niesyn (alternate), Maria Corti (alternate).

PRESENT VIA TELEPHONE: Elliot Leonard (left call at 8 p.m.)

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

1.) # 21-591-771 Westport Road-Blonstein, Jessica. Received 7/27/2021+65 days=9/30/2021. Install 12x20 foot inground pool. Mr. and Mrs. Blonstein appeared on behalf of this application. Several Commissioners had questions regarding the placement of the silt fence. It was requested that the silt fence be placed around the entire pool construction. Commissioners also questioned the 100-foot setback as shown on the site plan. Mr. and Mrs. Blonstein amended a site plan, initialed and dated it. **MOTION:** Cathy Alfandre moved to **APPROVE** application **#21-591, 771 Westport Road** with standard stipulations and an additional stipulation that silt fence be extended to surround the construction areas shown on the site plan amended August 10, 2021. Sarah Cwikla seconded the motion. **VOTE: #21-591** was approved by unanimous voice vote

2.) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The former WEO, Philip Doremus appeared at the Commission meeting of July 27, 2021 and made several recommendations regarding the unfinished business as enumerated below:

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

Because the site of the violation on the property at 740 Stepney Road is not visible from any adjacent road or property, and the property owner denied access to view the area of the violation, the WEO was unable to determine if the property owner is still in violation, Mr. Doremus recommended that the violation remain on the land records so that any future owner will be informed that Mr. Von Kuthy had attempted to start a Christmas tree farm, create a pond and mine gravel.

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

Mr. Doremus recommended that V#08-153 at 68 Sport Hill Parkway be lifted because the excavation which had been the subject of the violation has ceased and is no longer an issue. The area is visible from an adjacent property and it is clear that there is no activity at the site.

MOTION: Cathy Alfandre moved to lift Violation #V08-153 and the Cease and Desist Order be lifted and removed from the land records. Steve Montgomery seconded. **VOTE:** V#08-153 and the Cease and Desist Order were lifted by unanimous voice vote.

E. V#11-158, Notice of Violation at 580 Sport Hill Road--Austin Ganim, issued 5/24/11
Mr. Doremus recommended that V#11-158 remain as no remediation has taken place.

F. Amended Wetlands Permit #10-389, 288 Maple Road—4-lot subdivision, property owner: Vincenzo Toscano. Chair Wollen to write to P&Z regarding item “F”.

G. Warning re: activities within 100 feet of wetlands- The MG Easton Company, Harvester Road, Easton CT 06612 issued 10/10/2019. The Commission approved application #21-583; however, it left the warning in place until such time that all construction is completed satisfactorily. Al Leko, Superintendent of Mountain Grove has written to advise that the work started on July 23,2021.

H. **V#21-585** Activities within 200 feet of a 3-acre pond- Lorraine McLaughlin, 105 Norton Road, issued 3/24/2021. Staff was directed to send reminder letter to applicant Richard McLaughlin.

H. **V#21-584** Notice of Violation at 1074 Black Rock Road- Trevor A. Smith, issued 3/9/2021, Cease and Desist order. Staff was directed to follow up with WEO.

I. Warning re; activities within 100 feet of wetlands- David Harding 570 Morehouse Road, Easton CT, issued May 17, 2021

3.) NEW BUSINESS: Elliot Leonard left the meeting at 8 p.m.

Chair Wollen introduced Mark DeLieto who has been hired as the new WEO. **MOTION:** Steve Montgomery moved to appoint Mark DeLieto as the Wetlands Enforcement Officer for the Town of Easton effective immediately. Vivian Hardison seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Mark DeLieto was appointed Wetlands Enforcement Officer by unanimous voice vote.

4.) REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:

5.) CONSERVATION PROJECTS:

6.) OPEN - SPACE ISSUES:

7.) WEO COMMUNICATIONS:

8.) CORRESPONDENCE DEEP:

9.) MISCELLANEOUS:

10.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS. MOTION: Vivian Hardison moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 27, 2021. Dave Logie seconded.
VOTE: The minutes from the July 27, 2021 meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.
11.) ADJOURNMENT: MOTION Vivian Hardison moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Montgomery seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.
Submitted by Frances M. Daly