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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING VIA ZOOM MARCH 8, 2022 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Dori Wollen, Chair, Cathy Alfandre, Maria Corti, Elliot Leonard, Dave Logie, Karin Niesyn

ABSENT: Sarah Cwikla.

MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Matthew Vogt

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

- 1.) **#22-605-115 Mile Common, Carl and Shannon Evenstad-** Received 2/8/2022 + 65 days= 4/14/2022. **Dredge pond.** Matthew Vogt appeared on behalf this application. He stated that the pond has 2 small inlets which allow sediment into the pond. Commissioners asked where the dewatering tube will be placed, and how deep the pond will be after dredging. They also asked how the area of sediment in the pond near the road will be reached, and how much material can be held in the dewatering tube. Mr. Vogt stated that the tube can hold 200 yards of sediment which will dry out in the tube before being removed from the property. He said they will use silt fencing and hay bales to protect wetlands, as well as a turbidity curtain to protect the outlet. The area to be dredged to a depth of 1 to 3 feet near the house, and that they plan to remove 160 yards of sediment. **MOTION:** Cathy Alfandre moved to approve **#22-605** with standard stipulations and additional stipulations to install silt fencing, hay bales and a turbidity curtain as described in the application. Dave Logie seconded the motion. **VOTE: #22-205 115 Mile Common was approved** by unanimous voice vote.

2.) **SITE WALK:**

3.) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. **V#05-143**, Notice of Violation at 740 Stepney Road--Neunteufel and VonKuthy, issued 7/5/05 At the February 22 meeting, Chair Wollen read a memo from the WEO, Mark DeLieto regarding his follow up with Mr. Neunteufel. He plans to meet with Mr. Neunteufel again.

B. Cease and Desist Order for property at 740 Stepney Road--Neunteufel and VonKuthy, issued 7/20/05.

C. **V#11-158**, Notice of Violation at 580 Sport Hill Road--Austin Ganim, issued 5/24/11. Staff sent an e-mail to Attorney Taylor asking him to contact the WEO. Attorney Taylor left a voice mail for the WEO this afternoon 3.8.2022.

D. **V#21-585** Activities within 200 feet of a 3-acre pond- Lorraine McLaughlin, 105 Norton Road, issued 3/24/2021. Chair Wollen stated she has been in contact with Rich McLaughlin.

E. **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 send a second violation letter. This was sent on April 9, 2021. Chair Wollen noted that this address had been discussed at a recent P&Z meeting. Staff was directed to follow up with the WEO. Staff asked WEO to report on status 3.9.2022.

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

G. **V#21-592** Activities within 100 feet of wetlands-David Harding, 570 Morehouse Road, Easton CT, issued August 12, 2021. There has been no further contact from Mr. Harding. Chair Wollen wrote a letter to Mr. Harding which was delivered by a Marshall on December 2nd, 2021.

H. **V#21-593** Activities within 100 feet of wetlands- John Stanczyk, 582 Morehouse Road, Easton CT, issued August 13, 2021. The homeowner's application **#21-597** was approved but the remediation work has not been completed yet. Several Commissioners noted that as of 3.8.2022 the silt fence seems to be in disrepair and no action has been taken to remediate. Staff was directed to call Mark Ochman.

I.) **V#22-604**, Trees cut down within Conservation Easement- Eleanor and Dane Lynn, 2 Sierra Lane, Easton CT, issued January 26, 2022. Mr. Lynn appeared at the meeting of February 8, 2022 to address this violation. He apologized for not filing an application to cut trees. He presented photographs of fallen and broken trees on various parts of his property. Chair Wollen requested that he file an after-the-fact application. There has been no further contact from Mr. Lynn.

7.) NEW BUSINESS:

8.) REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:

9.) CONSERVATION PROJECTS:

10.) OPEN - SPACE ISSUES:

11.) WEO COMMUNICATIONS:

12.) CORRESPONDENCE:

13.) MISCELLANEOUS: Pesticide application for golf course ponds at 915 Black Rock Road was duly noted.

Election of Officers; Cathy Alfandre nominated Dave Logie to fill the vacant position of Secretary. Steve Montgomery seconded the nomination. Dave Logie was elected by unanimous voice vote.

Elliot Leonard nominated Cathy Alfandre to remain as Vice Chair. Steve Montgomery seconded the nomination, Cathy Alfandre was reelected by unanimous voice vote.

Elliot Leonard nominated Dori Wollen to remain as Chair. Steve Montgomery seconded the nomination. Dori Wollen was reelected by unanimous voice vote.

14.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

MOTION: Dave Logie moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Karin Niesyn noted item #4I needed to show what date the homeowner appeared. She seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended. **VOTE:** The minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously as amended.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by Frances M. Daly
Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission