



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING VIA ZOOM
April 12, 2022 7:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Dori Wollen, Chair, Maria Corti, Elliot Leonard, Dave Logie, Karin Niesyn

ABSENT: Cathy Alfandre, Steve Montgomery, Sarah Cwikla.

Chair Dori Wollen called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

INLAND WETLANDS APPLICATIONS:

#22-606 -34 Pond Road, Dana Benson, Regrade property, install drainage system, received 4/12/2022 + 65 = 6/16/2022. Mr. Benson presented the regrading plans for the backyard of his house to alleviate water flowing into the basement. Commissioners to inspect the site.

#22-607- 2 Sierra Lane, Lynn, Dane and Eleanor After the Fact application- Cut trees in Conservation Easement, received 4/12/2022 + 65 = 6/16/2022 – Applicant was not present at the meeting.

22-608- 22 South Park Ave, Town of Easton, Install catch basin within 100 feet of wetlands, received 4/12/2022 + 65 =6/16/2022; Bruce Bombero of the Highway Department presented the plans to install a catch basin by Tersana Drive, within 100 feet of the wetlands. Area will be staked and Commissioners will inspect the site.

22-609- 49 Adirondack Trail, Sound II Home Builders, Construct 2 ½ story house, driveway and pool, received 4/12/2022 + 65 = 6/16/2022 – Mr. A.J.Grasso of Sound II Home Builders presented the case on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Reisberg, property owners, who were also in attendance. Asked that the stock pile in the back of the house be moved away from the regulated area and that the plans need to be updated accordingly. The driveway, the four corners of the house and the patio around the pool will be staked to facilitate the Commissioners' site visit.

22-610- 99 Rock House Road, Ronald Delmonico, Construct Single family home, driveway and septic system, received 4/12/2022 + 65 =6/16/2022 Jason Edwards of J.Edwards Associates, LLC, on behalf of the property owners presented the application. This is a back lot of an earlier subdivision planning for a 5 bedroom home, an attached garage, septic and wetland crossing. The driveway, the four corners of the house and the wetland line will be staked to facilitate the Commissioners' site visit.

SITE WALK: 34 Pond Road, 2 Sierra Lane, 22 South Park Ave, 49 Adirondack Trail, 99 Rock House Road

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. – No new information on this case.

B. Cease and Desist Order for property at 740 Stepney Road--Neunteufel and VonKuthy, issued 7/20/05. – tied to the Violation above.

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. – no new information on this case.

D. **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.

WEO, Mark DeLieto's report of 3/18/22 was read into the records and it is part of the Minutes of 3/22/22.

E. **V#21-585** Activities within 200 feet of a 3-acre pond- Lorraine McLaughlin, 105 Norton Road, issued 3/24/2021. Mr. McLaughlin appeared at tonight's meeting, w/o an application or a map showing his proposed activities. Informed him that w/o an application and a map this Commission is unable to help resolving his Violation. Further, he was advised that the Land records or the Conservation Office would be the place where he could find a site map for his property. He was asked to attend the next meeting (4/26) with all the required documents

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.

As a result of the 3/22/22 meeting discussions, another letter was sent to Mr. Harding, asking him to attend the 4/26/22 meeting. In case of no show, the process of levying a fine will be initiated. The First Selectman was apprised of this case.

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 as yet. Several Commissioners noted that as of 3.8.2022 the silt fence was in disrepair and no action has been taken to remediate. Staff was directed to call Mark Ochman. Some clearing up was noted during the week of 4/11/22.

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 which was done (**#22-607**) as noted above.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The fate of the South Park Ave property was discussed at length. This was in preparation of the upcoming public hearing and town vote re the sale to Aspetuck Land Trust.

- Mr. George Ganim filed a Conservation Easement for his property at 301 Sport Hill Road. The document was filed, but before it becomes final, it has to be presented and approved by the Town's Legislative Body, i.e. the Town Meeting. Mr. Ganim will be notified to this effect.

REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:

CONSERVATION PROJECTS

OPEN - SPACE ISSUES

WEO COMMUNICATION

CORRESPONDENCE

MISCELLANEOUS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

MOTION: Dave Logie moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting and Maria Corti seconded the motion. **VOTE:** The minutes of the March 22, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by Frances M. Daly
Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission