



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
HELD IN PERSON
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM" A"
September 27, 2022 7:30 p.m.**

PRESENT IN PERSON: Dori Wollen, Chair, Cathy Alfandre, Elliot Leonard, Steve Montgomery, Maria Corti, Dave Logie, Karin Niesyn.

ABSENT: Sarah Cwikla

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT IN PERSON: Filipe Monteiro, Gaetano Marini.

Chair Dori Wollen called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

1.) INLAND WETLAND APPLICATION:

#22-622: 29 Bibbins Road: Filipe Monteiro, repair stone walls, remove trees, bring in fill, received 9/13/2022 + 65 = 11/17/2022. Mr. Monteiro appeared on behalf of this application which was filed as an after the fact response to **V#22-618**. Dave Logie questioned the flagging in the area where fill was deposited. Mr. Monteiro replied that is where he expects to place the septic galleries if approved by Health. Cathy Alfandre asked Mr. Monteiro to update a site plan to show his current plan of activity. He did so, signed and dated the plan to show his proposed septic field, the repair of stone walls and trees to be removed. **MOTION:** Cathy Alfandre moved to **approve #22-622** as shown on the amended site plan, signed and dated at this meeting and stamped received 09/27/2022, with standard stipulations and an additional stipulation to adjust the silt fencing in the areas where it traverses logs. Dave Logie seconded. **VOTE: #22-622** was approved by unanimous voice vote.

#22-623, 22-624-149 Twin Lanes: Gaetano Marini, After the Fact application, As of Right Determination request, received 9/27/2022 + 65=12/1/2022. Gaetano Marini appeared on behalf of this application which was filed in response to Violation V22-616 issued June 20, 2022, and also on behalf of this As of Right Determination Request. Cathy Alfandre asked what work had already been done. Mr. Marini stated that the roads were around 100 years old, having been built when his property was part of a tree farm. Chair Wollen asked to have the barn staked for a site walk. Mr. Marini stated that the silt fence delineates the wetlands.

SITE WALK: 149 Twin Lanes

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. **V#21-584** Notice of Violation at 1074 Black Rock Road- Trevor A. Smith, issued 3/9/2021, Cease and Desist order. Attorney Lukas J. Thomas of Owens, Schine and Nicola

appeared at the last meeting on behalf of Mr. Smith. Although Attorney Thomas agreed to follow up with a site plan there has been no further contact.

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

C. V#21-592 Activities within 100 feet of wetlands-David Harding, 570 Morehouse Road, Easton CT, issued August 12, 2021. Chair Wollen wrote to Mr. Harding on June 9th, 2022 levying a \$1000 fine without any response. The Chair advised that she submitted a memo to the First Selectman asking to initiate legal proceedings due to non-compliance pursuant to Chapter 325 of the Town Code. The Chair is waiting to hear from the First Selectman.

D.) V#22-615 Activities within 100 feet of wetlands – Gaetano and Laura Marini, 149 Twin Lanes Road, Easton CT, issued June 20, 2022. Mr. Marini submitted an after the fact application and an As of Right Determination Request at this meeting.

E.) V#22-618 Spreading contaminated fill within 100 feet of wetlands-Easton Village Center LLC/COV. On 8/23/2022 Chair Wollen and Steve Montgomery gave updates on the contaminated fill at Easton Village Store. Based on available maps it was determined that the violation(s) are valid since the fill was deposited within the 100-foot regulated area. On 9/8/2022 Dr. Huribal was informed in writing that the area in question was indeed within the 100-foot regulated area. Accordingly, he was instructed to file an After the Fact application for the five events and stabilize the area in question either by seeding or planting of bushes acceptable to the Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

F.) V#22-620 Activity within regulated area – Filipe Monteiro, 29 Bibbins Road. Mr. Monteiro appeared regarding application #22-622 which was approved at this meeting. **MOTION:** Cathy Alfandre moved to **LIFT V#22-620** as application #22-622 was approved. Elliot Leonard seconded. **VOTE: V#22-620 was lifted by unanimous voice vote.**

3.) NEW BUSINESS:

4.) REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:

5.) CONSERVATION PROJECTS:

6.) OPEN - SPACE ISSUES: Chair Wollen asked Dave Logie to contact DPW about the Carriage Drive entrance.

7.) WEO COMMUNICATIONS:

8.) CORRESPONDENCE:

9.) MISCELLANEOUS: Discussion on the “Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations Fee Schedule for the Town of Easton” There was a discussion of modifying items for greater clarity. **MOTION:** Elliot Leonard moved to approve the amended fee schedule. Karin Niesyn seconded. **VOTE:** The amended fee schedule was approved by unanimous voice vote.

10). APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:

MOTION: Cathy Alfandre moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2022. Steve Montgomery seconded. **VOTE:** The minutes of the September 13, 2022 meeting were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by Frances M. Daly

Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission