



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
EASTON TOWN HALL—CONFERENCE ROOM A
TUESDAY, July 26, 2016 at 7:30 PM**

PRESENT: Dori Wollen, Chair; Catherine Alfandre, Vice Chair; Steve Hume; Sarah Cwikla; Elliot Leonard; and Vivian Hardison

ABSENT: Steve Corti; Katherine Reed, Alternate; and Jamie Weinstein, Alternate

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dori Wollen called the meeting to order at approximately 7:34 p.m.

2. INLAND WETLANDS APPLICATIONS:

- A. I/W Permit App. #16-513, 80 Redding Road—Arvid Brandstrom, Owner/Applicant. Restore wetland(s)/watercourse(s) and affected buffers. Received 6/14/16+65=8/18/16 See Item B, below.
- B. I/W Permit App. #16-514, 90 Redding Road—Arvid Brandstrom, Owner/Applicant. Restore wetland(s)/watercourse(s) and affected buffers. Received 6/14/16+65=8/18/16 Items B. and C. above were discussed at the same time, as remediation is required at both properties. Arvid Brandstrom was present and reported that 500' of silt fencing is in place, and that Wetlands Enforcement Officer Phillip Doremus will visit the site Wednesday to inspect. Dori Wollen told Mr. Brandstrom that a remediation plan should be submitted at the Commission's next meeting and will be considered part of the existing permits. The Members will need to wait and evaluate the submitted plans at their next meeting before going on a site walk.

3. SITE WALK(S): None at this time

4. 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 located at 740 Stepney Road-- **Neunteufel and VonKuthy**, issued 7/20/05
- C. V#08-153—Notice of Violation at 68 Sport Hill Parkway—**Michael Newman**, issued 12/1/08
- D. Cease and Remediate order for 68 Sport Hill Parkway--**Michael Newman**, issued 4/21/09
- E. V#11-158, Notice of Violation at 580 Sport Hill Road—**Austin Ganim**, issued 5/24/11



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- F. Amended Wetlands Permit #10-389, 288 Maple Road—expiration date of extended permit: June 20, 2017
- G. V #15-168, Notice of Violation at 123 Center Road—**Lello Properties, LLC**, issued 5/18/15. Mr. Lello was granted Permit #15-495 to correct the violation. Lifting of this violation is subject to project completion and WEO approval. At their June 14, 2016 meeting the Commission suggested to Mr. Lello that he meet with Phillip Doremus, Wetlands Enforcement Officer, at 123 Center Road to discuss what needs to be done in order to remediate the site.
- H. Warning letter for 77 South Park Avenue—David Dwight Senior, issued 10/5/15
- I. V#15-170, Notice of Violation at 80 and 90 Redding Road—Arvid A. Brandstrom, issued 10/21/15. Please see Permit Applications A. and B. under “Inland Wetlands Applications”.
- J. V#15-171, Notice of Violation at 21 Hall Road—Stuart M. Allen, issued by WEO 12/1/15. A letter was sent out on March 16, 2016 advising that Phillip Doremus, WEO will visit the site to ensure the area is stable. If the area is deemed stable, the Commission may lift the violation. No update at this time.
- K. V#15-172, Notice of Violation at 60 Weathervane Drive—Elaine R. Evans, issued by WEO 12/1/15. Although the Members voted to lift the violation at their January 26, 2016 meeting, the lift is contingent upon WEO approval. Phillip Doremus has visited the site and asked Krista Kot, Office Secretary to inform the Commission that the homeowner has yet to plant grass in order to stabilize the area. No update at this time.
- L. Written request from Harold Rosnick for release of bond relating to Adirondack Estates-- This item has been put on hold at Mr. Rosnick’s request.
- M. V#16-173, Notice of Violation at 32 Adams Road—Thomas Ganim, property owner, was asked in June to complete an application and return to the next meeting, at which time the Members would review his request. Mr. Ganim did attend a meeting a month ago, and told the Members that he feels that the activity should be approved “as-of-right”. That said, the Members asked Mr. Ganim to return to the Commission with a Request for As-of-Right Activity, but Mr. Ganim has not been back to the Commission since; therefore, Dori Wollen will send a follow-up letter to Mr. Ganim. Mrs. Wollen noted that the as-of-right approval granted to a previous owner related to a Christmas tree farm, which is a different activity than what is currently occurring at his property. Dori Wollen asked Office Seretary Krista Kot to pull the as-of-right file from the previous owner of the property.
- N. Update re “As-of-Right” work at 30 Banks Road—American Partners LLC; Robert Maquat. Robert Maquat was present with Timothy Brady. Mr. Maquat gave the Members an update. The Members will visit the site before their next meeting.

- O. V#16-175, Notice of Violation at 90 Honeysuckle Hill Lane—Wanda M. Popescu, issued 7/5/16. Mr. Popescu arrived just before of the end of the meeting, as Dori Wollen was discussing sending a letter detailing the fining process, with a possible fine of \$1,000/day. The Members asked Mr. Popescu why, after his wife received a violation notice with a cease and desist order for work in the regulated area, has he continued to work in the regulated area. Although clearly outlined in the violation/cease and desist notice sent to Dr. Popescu, Mr. Popescu told the Members he did not understand that he was not to do any further work in the regulated area. Despite the order, Mr. Popescu has since built fenced-in terraced gardens in the regulated area. Mr. Popescu stated that he had an application, but the Members informed him that he would have to submit a formal application detailing remediation, in time for the August 8, 2016 meeting, and that it should detail removal of everything Mr. Popescu had built in the regulated area. As Mr. Popescu may also have cleared some Aquarion property, Mrs. Wollen asked Krista Kot to contact Aquarion to inquire if they have acted on any activity to date. Mrs. Wollen will write a letter confirming what was discussed. If an application for remediation is not submitted by August 4, 2016, the Commission plans to initiate the fining process for “failure to comply”.

5. NEW BUSINESS: None

6. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING & ZONING: None

7. CONSERVATION PROJECTS:

- A. Ongoing—Paine Open Space (O/S) map: Trail Steward Mike Wallace to post red trail markers. Sarah Cwikla is in the process of measuring the length of a number of POS trails.
- B. Ongoing—Creation of Conservation Regulations (Guidelines), Dori Wollen
- C. Elliot Leonard revisited the idea of an open space “open house” possibly in October before Columbus Day.

8. OPEN-SPACE ISSUES:

- A. Sign for Morehouse Open Space—Dori Wollen stated that she would contact former Vice-Chairman Steve Edwards to ask about the sign, as several months ago it was noted by Ed Nagy that the street address on the sign needed to be corrected.
- B. Discussion re three new signs at Paine O/S—No update
- C. Open Space Plan—The Members discussed the formalization of the Commission’s Open Space Plan and that they would plan on holding a public hearing during the September 13 meeting in order to accept the plan. In speaking with Phillip Dorms earlier in the week, Dori Wollen related that Mr. Doremus suggested the Commission include what they have accomplished over the past 22 years.

9. WEO COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Please see Item C above.

10. CORRESPONDENCE: N/A

11. MISCELLANEOUS:

- A. Dori Wollen shared that she attended last week's selectmen's meeting where the Conservation Commission Secretary's job description was up for approval. The board asked for two changes before voting to approve.

12. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:

- A. Minutes—With corrections made regarding the spelling of Vivian Hardison's last name (due to autocorrect), Sarah Cwikla made a motion to approve the Minutes of the July 12, 2016 meeting, and Vivian Hardison seconded. Motion passed.

13. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 9:08 p.m. Elliot Leonard made a motion to adjourn, and Sarah Cwikla seconded. Motion passed.

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By Krista Kot, Secretary
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