



## 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 September 27, 2016

**PRESENT:** Dori Wollen, Chair; Catherine Alfandre, Vice Chair; Elliot Leonard, Vivian Hardison, Jamie Weinstein, Steve Corti.

**ABSENT:** Steve Hume, Katherine Reed, Sarah Cwikla

1. Meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m.

#### INLAND/WETLAND APPLICATIONS:

- A. Maplewood Farm @ Easton, LLC – 20 & 70 Wilson Road – expanding existing pond needed for watering. Received 9/27/2016 + 65 = 12/1/2016. The applicant Robert Smith and his attorney Arthur Miller presented the proposed expansion of a pond. He plans on using the land for farming and would like to use the pond as a water source; he indicated all stone walls will stay in place and the pond will be fenced in. It was discussed by the commission and determined he is within his “As of Right” and approval was given. The commission requests that when the project is completed an “As-built” survey be submitted.

**SITE WALKS:** none at this time

#### 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
- F. Amended Wetlands Permit #10-389, 288 Maple Road—4-lot subdivision, property owner: Vincenzo Toscano

G. V#15-168, Notice of Violation at 123 Center Road—Lello Properties, LLC, issued 5/18/15

H. V#15-170, Notice of Violation at 80 Redding Road—Arvid A. Brandstrom, issued 10/21/15

I. V#16-175, Notice of Violation at 90 Honeysuckle Hill Lane—Wanda M. Popescu, issued 7/5/16 – Dr. Popescu was present along with her neighbor Kathy Vecsey; Dr. Popescu stated that original intention was to have a garden for her family and all that transpired was a misunderstanding and she would like to know what can be done to fix the issue. The commission discussed and determined that Dr. Popescu needs to come in and fill out a request for an “As of Right” Determination. Dr. Popescu agreed and will fill out the appropriate paperwork.

J. Written request from Harold Rosnick – bond release regarding Adirondack Estates (email) – Steve Corti expressed concern with the storm drains and requested that the commission members stop and take a look at the drains prior to releasing the bond.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. 275/285 Silver Hill Road – 275 Silver Hill Road LLC and John Kimball Owner / applicant resub division plan. No one from Silver Hill was present to review the drawings. They will attend the next meeting.
- B. Steve Corti made a motion to add Robert Maquat regarding 30 Banks Rd to the agenda and seconded by Jamie Weinstein. Mr. Maquat had revised the request for “As of Right” determination to continue the farm access road. He provided a plan which was reviewed by the members and discussed. Continuation of the approved “As of Right” determination was granted.
- C. Dori Wollen indicated that per her discussion with Phil Doremus, she will create a definition of open space and will add it to the approved Open Space Plan.

**REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:** None at this time

**CONSERVATION PROJECTS**

- A. Ongoing--Paine Open Space (O/S) map: Trail Steward Mike Wallace to post red trail markers and Sarah Cwikla to measure trail lengths.
- B. Ongoing--Creation of Conservation Regulations (Guidelines)—Dori Wollen

**OPEN-SPACE ISSUES**

- A. Ongoing—Signage for Morehouse O/S and Tatetuck O/S properties
- B. Discussion re three new signs at Paine O/S

**WEO COMMUNICATIONS:** none at this time

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A. CACTWC – annual dues approved

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:**

- A. Motion made by Catherine Alfandre to approve the minutes pending changes to item A under Inland/Wetlands Applications. It should read as the following – Area 1 should have a planting plan submitted to include the types and quantities of trees and shrubs. Area 5 should be a separate application when they are ready to complete that area.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vivian Hardison and seconded by Jamie Weinstein.

**FILED BY KIERSTEN RING**  
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**Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission**