



## 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 February 14, 2017 7:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Dori Wollen, Chair; Catherine Alfandre, Vice Chair; Elliot Leonard, Vivian Hardison, Steven Montgomery

**ABSENT:** Sarah Cwikla, Steve Corti, Jamie Weinstein, Steve Hume, Katherine Reed

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

#### 2. INLAND/WETLAND APPLICATIONS:

- A. **I/W #16-518** 200 Morehouse Road – Susan and Anthony Farmer – new residence and pool 11/15/16 + **65 day extension = March 16, 2017** – Mr. and Mrs. Farmer were present at the meeting as well as their attorney Michael Bologna. The attorney had revised plans for the Commission and discussed the issues that were noted by the Fairfield Conservation Commission as well as members of the Easton Conservation Commission. J.D. Fazio, resident at 12 Morning Glory Lane was present and again spoke to the Commission regarding his concerns about developing the lot. The commission still requires additional information as well as the approved septic paperwork from the Board of Health. The Farmer's will have the plans revised and return to the Commission at the next meeting on February 28, 2017.
- B. **I/W #17-521** 25 North Street – Salma Residence – pond cleaning **1/24/17 + 65 days = 3/30/2017**. Mr. and Mrs. Salma were present as well as the contractor who will be cleaning the pond, Dave Bjorklund. Mr. Bjorklund stated they will be cleaning the pond, not dredging the pond completely. The pond is not a natural pond and there is emerging vegetation. They plan to dig out the edges of the pond and restore the slope. The materials removed will go into a stock pile. The work would take place in August or September with a small backhoe. The commission will take a look at the property and discuss any issues at the next meeting on February 28, 2017.

#### 3. AS OF RIGHT DETERMINATION REQUESTS:

- A. Silverman Farm – 451 Sport Hill Road. Mr. Silverman as well as Mark Ochman were present to answer any questions the commission had regarding the request. Mark Ochman stated that there will be no filling/grading done in the wetlands; a back hoe will only be used cleaning out the stumps. He also stated that the hay bales will be removed and the stone walls will stay in place. Cathy Alfandre noted that no roads are to be created, only tractor paths. Cathy Alfandre made a motion to approve the As of Right request, seconded by Elliot Leonard.

4. SITE WALKS: 25 North Street



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**5. 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 – The certified letter sent to Mr. Toscano requesting the approved paperwork from the DEEP was returned. Another attempt will be made to contact Mr. 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 –
- J. **V#16-519** –355 Sport Hill Road - Sherwood Farm – Mr. Sherwood was present and addressed the commission regarding the violation he received. He stated that all he did was remove some trees and added 3 yards of soil to cover the stumps. Since Mr. Sherwood operates under an As of Right Determination, Dori Wollen stated that he can either leave the areas as -is at the moment or apply for an inland/wetland permit. Mr. Sherwood said he would like to apply for the permit and an application was given to him.

**6. NEW BUSINESS: NONE (see under Miscellaneous)**

**7. CONSERVATION PROJECTS**

- A. Ongoing--: ALT Trail Steward Mike Wallace to post red trail markers and Sarah Cwikla to measure trail lengths.

**8. OPEN-SPACE ISSUES**

- A. Ongoing—Signage for Tatetuck O/S property

**9. WEO COMMUNICATIONS:** none at this time

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:** none at this time

**11. MISCELLANEOUS:**

Ms. Wollen reported on the following items: (a) maintenance RFP for Paine Open Space: an ad was placed in the local paper re trail maintenance and mowing; While DPW does help with trail maintenance and mowing, frequently they are the busiest when we need them. The successful bidder will be used as a backup contractor only. The Park & Rec team will also be solicited for help during its low season. (b) Replacing two pipes at Paine: although this work is included in the current operating budget using an outside contractor, every effort will be made to have DPW team perform the work (c) Boy Scout projects: Mr. Anthony Farmer, the current leader, was very receptive to the list of activities we, the Commission, is looking to complete. He will meet with us at our March 28, 2017 meeting. (d) Morehouse Open Space / Animal Shelter sign was finally installed! Thank you note was sent to both Steve Edwards and Ed Nagy of DPW..

**12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:**

- A. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Vivian Hardison and seconded by Elliot Leonard.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m. was made by Vivian Hardison and seconded by Cathy Alfandre.

**FILED BY KIERSTEN RING**

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**Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission**