



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
HELD IN PERSON
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM" A"
JUNE 28, 2022 7:30 p.m.**

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

ABSENT: Sarah Cwikla, Cathy Alfandre, Elliot Leonard

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT IN PERSON: Glen Gorelick

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

1.) INLAND WETLAND APPLICATION:

#22-613 105 NORTON ROAD: Rich McLaughlin, "Develop Bogs", replace 18" pipe with 24-30" drain pipe, install irrigation, set brook boundary, received 5/10/2022 + 65 days=7/14/2022. No one appeared on behalf of this application.

#22-615 35 Bayberry Lane: Daniel DeAlmeida, Dredge creek, pond, received 6/14/2022 + 65 days = 8/19/2022. No one appeared on behalf of this application. The commissioners had a number of questions after the site walk.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. **V#05-143**, Notice of Violation at 740 Stepney Road--Neunteufel and VonKuthy, issued 7/5/05. The WEO advised staff that Mr. Neunteufel has been in contact with him about resolving this issue. After a discussion it was decided that the WEO should ask Mr. Neunteufel to accompany him on a site visit.

B. Cease and Desist Order for property at 740 Stepney Road--Neunteufel and VonKuthy, issued 7/20/05.

C. **V#11-158**, Notice of Violation at 580 Sport Hill Road--Austin Ganim, issued 5/24/11. The WEO submitted a memo which the Chair read into the record. Per the action taken at the last meeting, a letter has been sent to Mr. Ganim, advising him that this violation will be lifted upon receipt of his signed acknowledgement that any activity within 100 feet from the edge of the

wetlands must be permitted by this Commission. As of this date, nothing has been received from Mr. Ganim.

D. **V#21-585** Activities within 200 feet of a 3-acre pond- Lorraine McLaughlin, 105 Norton Road, issued 3/24/2021. Mr. McLaughlin filed application 22-613 discussed at this meeting.

E. **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, (sent on April 9, 2021). Chair Wollen noted that this address had been discussed at a recent P&Z meeting. The WEO submitted a memo detailing the history of this violation and the dispute between Mr. Smith and his neighbor. There were several questions as to where the fill was deposited. Staff was directed to find a map of 1074 Black Rock Road. Cathy Alfandre asked if a site walk was warranted. The Chair stated that the WEO should go to the property first. As of this meeting there is no further update.

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. Chair Wollen wrote to Mr. Harding on June 9th, 2022 levying a \$1000 fine. She read the letter into the record. It was sent to Mr. Harding both as First-Class mail and as Certified mail.

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. Chair Wollen read a report from the WEO into the record, in which he detailed a meeting he attended at the property with Mark Ochman and Mr. Stanczyk. Mark Ochman told the WEO that with the exception of installing riprap on either side of the culvert, all of the work was properly completed as per the approved plan.

I.) **V#22-615** Activities within 100 feet of wetlands – Gaetano and Laura Marini, 149 Twin Lanes Road, Easton CT, issued June 20, 2022. Adjoining property owner Glen Gorelick appeared to speak about this property.

3.) NEW BUSINESS:

4.) REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:

5.) CONSERVATION PROJECTS:

6.) OPEN - SPACE ISSUES:

7.) **WEO COMMUNICATIONS:** Chair Wollen read memos from Mark DeLieto, WEO, regarding David Harding V#21-592 and Gaetano Marini V#22-615 into the record.

8.) CORRESPONDENCE:

9.) **MISCELLANEOUS:** Chair Wollen shared research regarding the fee schedule. A point was raised regarding permit applications to demolish houses, barns or other structures on a property. Further research into costs, including fees charged by surrounding towns is needed.

Chair Wollen wrote to the owners of the Village Store on June 27, 2022. She read the letter which is a notice of violation into the record. It advised them that they needed to confirm through the expert testing of a soil scientist that the contaminated fill was successfully cleaned up.

10). **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:** Staff advised that there were a number of typographical errors in the date of the minutes and in permit #22-614. The motion regarding that item should read that “#22-614 is approved as an extension of an amendment to

#19-559.” The vote regarding that item should read “The application #22-614 to extend and amend#19-559” until June 14,2024-18 Tatetuck Trail” was approved by unanimous vote.”

MOTION: Steve Montgomery moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2022 as amended. Maria Corti seconded. **VOTE:** The minutes of the June 14, 2022 meeting were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Frances M. Daly
Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission