



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"
December 6, 2022 7:30 p.m.**

PRESENT IN PERSON: Dori Wollen, Chair, Steve Montgomery, Maria Corti, Dave Logie, Karin Niesyn. **ALTERNATES:** Anthony Battaglia
ABSENT: Sarah Cwikla, Cathy Alfandre, Elliot Leonard

Chair Dori Wollen called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. She appointed alternate commissioner Anthony Battaglia to vote for Elliot Leonard.

1.) INLAND WETLAND APPLICATIONS:

#20-571 301 Sport Hill Road; Request to extend permit until 12/8/2024. George Ganim requested by letter to extend this permit originally approved 12/9/2020. Chair Wollen gave an overview of the history of this property. She read into the record a letter she e-mailed to Mr. Ganim on April 20, 2022 advising that the Conservation Easement document as filed with the Town Clerk is not valid until such time as an accurate map is filed with the document.

MOTION: Steve Montgomery moved to approve the extension of **#20-571** for a period of 2 years until 12/8/2024 with a reference to the Chair's 4/20/2022 letter. Karin Niesyn seconded.

VOTE: #20-571 was extended until 12/8/2024 by unanimous voice vote.

SITE WALK:

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 an earlier 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. On 10/7 the First Selectman advised staff that Peter

Howard has been appointed as Hearing Officer and directed staff to work with his Assistant to initiate legal proceedings due to non-compliance pursuant to Chapter 325 of the Town Code.

D.) 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. As of this meeting there has been no response. Chair Wollen advised that Mark Delieto reported to her that he has been working on P&Z issues.

3.) NEW BUSINESS:

4.) REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:

5.) CONSERVATION PROJECTS:

6.) OPEN - SPACE ISSUES:

7.) WEO COMMUNICATIONS:

8.) CORRESPONDENCE:

9.) MISCELLANEOUS: Chair Wollen introduced the proposed 2023 meeting schedule.

MOTION: Karin Niysen moved to approve the schedule; Anthony Battaglia seconded. **VOTE:** The 2023 meeting schedule was approved by unanimous voice vote.

10). APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:

MOTION: Steve Montgomery moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 25, 2022. Dave Logie seconded. **VOTE:** The minutes of the October 25, 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 Karin Niesyn. **VOTE:** Approved by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Frances M. Daly

Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission