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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING – EASTON TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM A
THURSDAY, March 28, 2017 8:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Dori Wollen, Chair; Catherine Alfandre, Vice Chair; Elliot Leonard, Vivian Hardison, Steven Montgomery, Steve Hume, Steve Corti, Katherine Reed

ABSENT: Jamie Weinstein, Sarah Cwikla

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **INLAND/WETLAND APPLICATIONS:**
 - A. **I/W #17-521** 25 North Street – Salma Residence – pond cleaning 1/24/17 + 65 days = 3/30/2017. Homeowners were not present, however some members of the Commission had walked the site. A motion was made by Catherine Alfandre to approve the application and seconded by Elliot Leonard. - Standard conditions apply.
 - B. **#17-522** - 355 Sport Hill Road – Tom Sherwood was not present at the meeting. The Commission is trying to find a previous map of the wetlands prior to making a decision.
 - C. **#17-523** – 15 Newman Drive, Mario Capela, agent and Fred D'Amico (engineer) were present - new residence. Mr. Capela presented the application; he has an option to buy the property subject to receiving a permit to construct a house and a pool at the site. A revised plan was submitted and the property had been staked. Members of the Commission had walked the site. Steve Corti made a motion to approve the application with regular stipulations as well as preserving as much of the stone walls as possible, seconded by Elliot Leonard, all in favor.
 - D. **#17-524** – 165 Maple Road – Thomas Schick, owner – above ground pool. A motion was made by Catherine Alfandre to add 165 Maple Road to the agenda, seconded by Vivian Hardison. Owner was present, he would like to put in an above ground pool. The Commission will walk the site and requested he have the pool location staked.
3. **AS OF RIGHT DETERMINATION REQUESTS** - none
4. **SITE WALKS:** 355 Sport Hill Road, 165 Maple Road
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 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 – Mr. Toscano forwarded to Kiersten Ring an email from the DEEP, approving the work that has been done to date. However, the work still remains incomplete. A follow up letter to Mr. Toscano will be sent indicating that bonds may not be released until the work is fully complete.
 - 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 –

6. NEW BUSINESS: Anthony Farmer was present – he is the Scout Master for the boy scouts in Easton and came to discuss various potential projects for the Scouts. This meeting was a follow up to our wish list for the Paine and other open spaces in Easton sent to Mr. Farmer in February. Possible projects would be making some new kiosks for open space areas, clearing trails & tying them together. Mr. Farmer did state that as he walked thru the open spaces he noted there might be some potential erosion control issues near the dams. The scouts will come to the Commission with a plan once they have picked a project and will go from there.

7. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING: - affordable accessory apartment application at 101 Burr Street - There are no wetlands on the property and therefore no comments are necessary.

8. CONSERVATION PROJECTS

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

9. OPEN-SPACE ISSUES

A. Ongoing—Signage for Tatetuck O/S property

10. WEO COMMUNICATIONS: none at this time

11. CORRESPONDENCE: none at this time

12. MISCELLANEOUS: A motion was made by Steve Hume and seconded by Steve Corti to add a discussion regarding the Saddle Ridge approval. Dori Wollen prepared an analysis of P&Z's approval of the Saddle Ridge permit application with an emphasis why Conservation/Inland Wetland should have been involved in the permitting process. It was clear that P&Z usurped this Commission's statutory authority yet expecting to take responsibility for enforcement. Steve Corti moved and Steve Hume seconded a motion to discuss our options with First Selectman Adam Dunsby regarding possibly filing an appeal re the Planning and Zoning approval. An appeal has to be filed by April 7th. Dori Wollen will make an appointment with Adam.

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:

A. A motion to approve the previous minutes of March 16, 2017 was made by Vivian Hardison and seconded by Catherine Alfandre.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30p.m. was made by Steve Corti and seconded by Steve Hume.

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Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission