



## 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, April 14, 2015  
7:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Roy Gosse, Chairman; Stephen Edwards, Vice Chairman; Dori Wollen, Secretary; Catherine Alfandre; and Elliot Leonard

**ABSENT:** Stephen Corti; Steven Hume; and Sarah Cwikla, Alternate

**1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Roy Gosse called the meeting to order at approximately 7:28 p.m.

**2. INLAND WETLANDS APPLICATIONS:**

A. I/W #15-489, Paine Open Space at Maple Road—Town of Easton. Replace four old, damaged drainage pipes. Rec'd 4/14/15+65=6/18/15. Roy Gosse stated for the record that there is a fifth pipe on Evergreen Trail that should be included in this application. After further discussion, Dori Wollen made a motion to amend the application to add a fifth pipe, and Steve Edwards seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. 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  
Steve Edwards will speak with First Selectman Adam Dunsby regarding the noted violation to discuss gaining approval for legal review.

F. Amended Wetlands Permit #10-389, 288 Maple Road – Helena Morf, 4-lot subdivision. Request for extension of Amended Permit #10-389, previously held by Helena Morf, for property formerly known as 288 Maple Road—4-lot subdivision. With new owner Vincent Toscano, this amended permit relates to all regulated activities on Lots 1, 2, and 3 and Parcel A. The Commission reviewed Mr. Toscano's written request for a two-year extension to the above-noted permit. Dori Wollen made a motion to approve a two-

year extension to Amended Inland Wetlands Permit #10-389, noting reference to repair of the dam as included in the Commission's original June 21, 2010 approval. Cathy Alfandre seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- G. V#14-474, Notice of Violation at 40 Sherwood Road – **Brian Alberino and Sarah Gerard**, issued 5/5/14. Steve Edwards made a motion to lift Violation #14-474 due to the fact that the grade has been stabilized, according to Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Phillip Doremus.
- H. Discussion with Attorney Hal Rosnick re open space land swap off of Riverside Lane. Attorney Rosnick emailed the Commission noting that he and Mr. Steve Mendell would meet with the Commission after all of the Members had visited the site. The Commission discussed the proposed land swap. Roy Gosse requested that the Members that have not yet been to the site do so before the next meeting, at which time the Commission will discuss the item with Messrs Rosnick and Mendell.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Request for As-of-Right Determination #15-490, 229 Stepney Road—Maple Row Farm c/o J. Scott Edwards. Deposit fill within 100 feet of former wetland, now As-of-Right pond. Scott Edwards explained his request to spread fill to level off and fill in a parking area, carrying the grade to the pond, for aesthetic purposes. Mr. Edwards told the Commission that the area within the regulated area will be grass. Dori Wollen made a motion to approve the request for As-of-Right use, #15-490, to deposit fill within 100 feet of wetlands off Sunny Ridge Road, with the provision that there is a silt fence at least 15 feet from the pond. Cathy Alfandre seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, with Steve Edwards recusing himself from the vote due to his relationship to the applicant.
- B. Request for As-of-Right Determination #15-491, 313 Sport Hill Road—Stepney, LLC c/o George W. Ganim, Sr. Remove rocks in preparation for agricultural planting. After brief discussion, Cathy Alfandre made a motion to approve the request for As-of-Right use, #15-491, at 313 Sport Hill Road, and Elliot Leonard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Request for Determination of Wetland Impact #15-492, re Application to Planning and Zoning for Subdivision for 21 and 25 West Wind Road--Americo Paniccia and Maria Paniccia, submitted by Law Offices of Quatrella & Rizio, LLC. Greg Pidluski, Licensed Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor was present for the applicants. Mr. Pidluski explained to the Commission that the applicants were seeking a subdivision approval and were instructed to submit a request for Determination of Wetland Impact to this Commission. There is a man-made pond on one of the lots, but it is not near the proposed activity; therefore, the Commission determined it would not be an issue. Based on discussion and submitted plans entitled, "Property/Topographic Survey; Americo Paniccia; Address No. 25 West Wind Road; Trumbull, Connecticut; 06611", dated March 19, 2015, the Members determined that there would be no wetland impact.

- D. Aquatic Pesticide Permit Application for MacCormack Pond at 95 North Street—FYI and possible comment. Briefly discussed and duly noted.

**5. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING & ZONING:**

- A. See Item 4.C.--Request for Determination of Wetland Impact #15-492, re Application to Planning and Zoning for Subdivision for 21 and 25 West Wind Road--Americo Paniccia and Maria Paniccia, submitted by Law Offices of Quatrella & Rizio, LLC. Memo will be sent to Planning & Zoning noting there will be no wetland impact.

**6. CONSERVATION PROJECTS:**

Roy Gosse reported that Steve Corti spoke with Ed Nagy, Department of Public Works, and asked that the DPW use the piles of fill at Paine Open Space to grade off the area beyond the entrance to the open space property. Mr. Gosse also reported that the DPW will be mowing the Paine Open Space field in June.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE:**

The two aquatic pesticide permit applications on the Agenda under this heading were noted in error, as they were addressed at the March 24, 2015 meeting.

**8. OPEN-SPACE ISSUES:**

- A. Ongoing—Signage for Morehouse Open Space and Tatetuck Open Space properties. The Members briefly discussed sign sizing and asked Steve Edwards to take the lead on the project. Commission Secretary, Krista Kot will look in the files to find the name of the most recent sign-maker used by the Commission.

**9. WEO COMMUNICATIONS:** See Item 3.G.

**10. SITE WALKS:**

- A. 20 Riverside Lane

**11. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:**

- A. Steve Edwards made a motion to approve the Minutes from the March 24, 2015 Meeting, as corrected, and Dori Wollen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The corrections are as follows:

1. Under Item 6. A. Conservation Projects: Remove mention of grading at Paine Open Space.
2. Under Item 4. A. New Business: Instead of "...Vice-Chairman Stephen Edwards has recused himself from discussion...", the phrase should read, "...Vice-Chairman Stephen Edwards had previously recused himself from discussion....".

**12. MISCELLANEOUS:** n/a

**13. ADJOURNMENT:** Elliot Leonard made a motion to adjourn at approximately 9:00 p.m., and Steve Edwards seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PREPARED and FILED  
By Krista Kot, Secretary  
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