



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

TUESDAY, July 22, 2014

7:31 PM

PRESENT: Roy Gosse, Chairman; Dori Wollen, Secretary; Cathy Alfandre; Steve Hume; Steve Corti; Elliot Leonard; and Sarah Cwikla, Alternate

ABSENT: Stephen Edwards, Vice Chairman

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: Roy Gosse called the meeting to order at approximately 7:31 p.m.

1. INLAND WETLANDS APPLICATIONS:

- A. 14-477, 12 The Circle – Andrea Pinto – Add second floor above single floor areas and build small addition on back of home. Received 7/8/14+65=9/11/14. Mr Pinto, on behalf of the applicant, confirmed that no fill will be brought in and all material excavated and not used on site will be hauled away. Upon Steve Hume's motion and Elliot Leonard's second, the motion carried. Standard stipulations apply.
- B. 14-478, 294 and 298 Maple Road – Vincenzo Toscano – Eliminate existing dirt driveway at 294 Maple Road and create a common driveway for 294 and 298 Maple Road. Received 7/22/14+65=9/25/14. Mark Ochman of Ochman Associates was present on behalf of the applicant, and presented the application. The creation of the new common driveway will disturb 0.2 acres within 100-foot setback and 0.24 acres within the 200-foot setback. Steve Corti asked Mark Ochman to relay concerns to Ron Ochman regarding lack of maintenance around the dam on Big Lake. The Members will walk the site.

2. OLD 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. V#13-166, Notice of Violation at 235 Redding Road—**Darren Andreoli**, issued 7/10/13
- G. Amended Wetlands Permit #10-389, 288 Maple Road – Helena Morf, 4-lot subdivision.
The Commission is looking into what has been done thus far re dam maintenance.

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- H. V#14-474, Notice of Violation at 40 Sherwood Road – Brian Alberino and Sarah Gerard, issued 5/5/14 – Ms. Gerard was present at the meeting and explained that while their existing permit called for tree removal in a combined Conservation Easement and Regulated Area, the contractor removed several old stumps that were not part of the approved project. In addition, the contractor dug a hole in the same area using the material at a non-regulated area of the property, also using the material at that non-regulated area to fill the hole in the conservation/wetlands area. Commission members will walk the site and will inform the applicant as to further actions to be taken.
- I. V#14-475, Notice of Violation at 175-177 Everett Road – Dennis and Holly Pryor, issued 5/5/14.

Note: A status review by Phil Doremus, WEO of the above noted items is in process.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Introduction of new Alternate Member: Sarah Cwikla – Ms. Cwikla was welcomed to the Commission.
- B. Letter from the Town of Weston dated July 8, 2014 re activity within 500 feet of Easton boundary line at 67 Old Redding Road – duly noted.
- C. Item added to the Agenda – Moved by Steve Hume and seconded by Cathy Alfandre to discuss Joe Palmieri's request at 195 North Park Avenue to build a stone wall in a regulated area. Mr. Doug Chavenello presented Mr. Palmieri's request. Members confirmed that the lack of an updated map showing all wetlands, delineated by a soil scientist, prevents us from accurately evaluating the request. In addition to Mr. Chavenello relaying the message to Mr. Palmieri, we will notify Mr. Palmieri in writing confirming the same and also send him a copy of an As-of-Right application.

5. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING & ZONING: None

6. CONSERVATION PROJECTS: None

7. CORRESPONDENCE: None

- 8. OPEN-SPACE ISSUES:** Steve Corti gave the Members an update of the maintenance activities at the Paine Open Space. All work was done within budget and during the last fiscal year. The pipes at two more spillways need to be changed, and, with that, all pipe work should be done for the foreseeable future.

9. WEO COMMUNICATIONS: None

10. SITE WALKS:

- A. 40 Sherwood Road
- B. 294 and 298 Maple Road
- C. 195 North Park Avenue

11. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

Under "Miscellaneous Items" of the July 8, 2014 Minutes Cathy Alfandre added, "Members requested Phil Doremus, WEO, to update his credentials." Then, with the above addition, Cathy Alfandre made a motion to accept the Minutes of the July 8, 2014 meeting. Elliot Leonard seconded and the motion passed.

12. MISCELLANEOUS:

A. See above, under Item #11

B. Dori Wollen noted that August 12, 2014, the date of our next meeting coincides with the Republican Primary, and both Krista and Dori will not be at our meeting. As of this date a quorum is expected, and Cathy volunteered to take the Minutes.

13. ADJOURNMENT: Steve Corti made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:35 p.m., and Elliot Leonard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PREPARED BY Dori Wollen, Secretary
FILED BY KRISTA KOT
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