

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION TUESDAY, March 25, 2014 7:30 PM - Town Hall, Conf. Room A

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

ABSENT: None

1. <u>MEETING CALL TO ORDER</u>: Roy Gosse called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.

2. INLAND WETLANDS APPLICATIONS:

- A. #14-468, 15 Hickory Knoll Drive—Anthony Tadduni Jr. Construct single-family home. Received 2/11/14+65=4/17/14. Mr. Wheway, P.E., of Codespoti & Associates, P.C., was present with Mr. Tadduni. After the Commission's request at the March 11, 2014 meeting to "rethink" the location of the driveway, Mr. Wheway presented the Members with a revised plan, locating the driveway farther away from the pond and off the existing cart path. Although the proposed garage would be approximately 60 feet from the nearest wetland flag, the other side of the proposed house has moved from 40 feet to now 30 feet to wetlands. The Commission will require a vegetative buffer between the driveway and pond to help assure that this area will not become a lawn. The Members have requested a new plan noting the buffer as well as other items left off the revised site plan, i.e. the silt fence on the westerly side of the driveway and the north direction symbol.
- **B.** #14-469, 1220 Sport Hill—Diana R. Nicola. Clean existing pond of muck and debris. Received 2/25/14+65=5/1/14. The Commission is awaiting a more detailed plan.

3. 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#12-162, Notice of Violation at 45 Heritage Drive—Eve Lashar, issued 3/27/12
- G. V#13-164, Notice of Violation at 88 Beers Road—Arthur and Carrie Maisano, issued 4/3/12



H. V#13-166, Notice of Violation at 235 Redding Road—Darren Andreoli, issued 7/10/13

NOTE: The Members recommended a review by Wetlands Enforcement Officer Phillip Doremus of the violations under "Old Business" to determine the current status of each item--i.e. if the violation remains, if there is new activity, and if there are any new violations. Krista Kot, Department Secretary, will relay the request to Mr. Doremus.

4. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>:

Motion was made by Dori Wollen to discuss a complaint regarding a fence erected in a Conservation Easement at 46 Sherwood Road, and Steve Edwards seconded. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

A. The Members discussed a complaint received regarding a fence erected in a Conservation Easement at 46 Sherwood Road. The Commission discussed what was allowed in a Conservation Easement and asked Krista Kot to find the Conservation Easement Agreement for that property. The Members requested that Krista ask Phillip Doremus to view the property to ascertain the location of the fence.

5. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING & ZONING: None

6. CONSERVATION PROJECTS:

A. The Members discussed needed maintenance work at Paine Open Space. Steve Corti reported a serious pipe issue near the back entrance of Paine where runoff has rinsed out approximately 1/3 of the 20-inch galvanized pipe. The work is set to begin as soon as Mr. Corti completes collecting bids and a contractor is chosen.

B. Steve Corti told the Members that a trail has been started in an area of Paine near the old barn foundation, and that more tree trimming and marking still needs to be done. Mr. Corti suggested

that this might be a good boy scout volunteer project.

C. The Members discussed a possible Eagle Scout project to construct small kiosks in each of the Town's open space parking areas, and suggested that each of these kiosks have a protective plastic cover over the map/information, as well as a slot to accommodate brochures.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Letter addressed to Ms. Christine Halloran, Town Clerk, Easton Town Hall, from David R. Pattee, Chairman of the Redding Conservation Commission, regarding permit activity within 500 feet of the Easton/Redding town line. The Commission briefly discussed this application to construct a "foot travel only" trail extension abutting Easton, asking Krista Kot to request a plan/specs for this project for Commission review.

B. Aquatic Pesticide Permit Application from Aquatic Control Technology for water body located at

95 North Street. Duly noted by the Commission.

- 8. OPEN-SPACE ISSUES: See "Conservation Projects" above.
- 9. WEO COMMUNICATIONS: Comments are relayed to members on an ongoing basis.
- 10. SITE WALKS: No new site walks.
- 11. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:
 - A. Steve Corti made a motion to accept the March 11, 2014 meeting Minutes, and Steve Edwards seconded. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.
- 12. MISCELLANEOUS: None
- 13. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: Dori Wollen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:50 p.m., and Cathy Alfandre seconded. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

Filed by Krista Kot, Secretary CT GS 1-225 (c) Commission