



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612
MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
EASTON TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM A
Tuesday May 28th, 2019 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Dori Wollen, Chair, Cathy Alfandre, Steve Corti, Vivian Hardison, Steve Hume, Elliot Leonard, Steve Montgomery (alternate).

ABSENT: Sarah Cwikla

Steve Montgomery was appointed to vote for Sarah Cwikla.

Chair Dori Wollen called the meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m.

1. **APPOINTMENT** with Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Richardson regarding 29 Bibbins Road. Dick Tallman appeared on behalf of the Richardson's, asking the Commission to advise if a house could be built on the plot of land they own at 29 Bibbins road. They have had a preliminary plot plan drawn up. The Commission advised that it is unable to consider their question without a full application, but that if an application is filed the plot plan they presented at this meeting should be sufficient, combined with a site walk, to render a decision.

INLAND/WETLAND APPLICATIONS:

a.) **#19-551**-received 05/28/2019 + 65 days = 08/01//2019-**596 Sport Hill Road-Sport Hill Farm, LLC**-Fill in pond and surrounding area for planting crops. Allan Popp appeared on his own behalf. He presented a soil scientists report which showed the soil surrounding the pond is not wetlands. He was asked what would happen to the water runoff if the pond were filled in. The Commission advised Mr. Popp that he can plant in the regulated area under his As-of-Right request. The Commission is continuing to consider the request to fill the pond, and will make a site visit.

b.)**#19-542**- received 05/28/2019 + 65 days = 08/01//2019-**358 Westport Road-George Kalamaras**-tear down existing house and rebuild 2 story house with 1 car attached garage, covered porch. Mr. Kalamaras appeared on his own behalf. This is a non-conforming lot which was grandfathered in before the Towns zoning regulations required 3 acre lots. Mr. Kalamaras stated his intent is to build a new house using the same footprint as the uninhabitable dwelling currently on the plot. The Commission noted that the plot plan shows a stone wall separating the lot from the State of Connecticut owned wetlands, and that the lot is pitched down towards the road, away from the wetlands. The Commission will do a site walk.

2.) **AS OF RIGHT DETERMINATION REQUESTS** - **#19-549 Sport Hill Farm, LLC** - 596 Sport Hill Road. Propose to fill in pond, and surrounding land (approximately ¾ of an

acre). As noted above with permit application **#19-551**, Allan Popp appeared on behalf of this request. The Commission advised Mr. Popp that he is permitted to farm in the regulated area on his property, while the Commission continues to review his request to fill in the pond.

c.) **#19-553-Accepted at meeting-** received 05/28/2019 + 65 days = 08/01//2019 See **Violation # 19-550- 57 Ridgeway-Jason Allen Tenney**

3 SITE WALKS: 596 Sport Hill Road, 358 Westport Road, 57 Ridgeway, Adirondack Estates (Rosnick)

4 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—"68 Sport Hill Parkway,LLC"-Michael Newman, issued 12/1/08

D. Cease and Remediate order for 68 Sport Hill Parkway—"68 Sport Hill Parkway, LLC"-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.

G. V#16-175, Notice of Violation at 90 Honeysuckle Hill Lane—Wanda M. Popescu, issued 7/5/16. Mr. Popescu appeared in response to Chair Wollen's letter. He stated that because of his hip replacement he has not undertaken any of the actions requested by the Commission.

H. V# 19-550, Notice of Violation at 57 Ridgeway, Jason Alen Tenney. Mr. Tenney appeared on his own behalf. He stated that he had been unaware there were wetlands on his property. His intent was to fill in a steep slope so that he could plant grass on a more moderate incline. When asked, Mr. Tenney stated he had already had 10 truckloads of topsoil brought in, and if allowed would have ten more truckloads. He said he stopped all work when Phil Doremus, WEO told him to do so. Chair Wollen stated that the WEO had issued a cease and desist order. Mr. Tenney asked if his neighbor could make a comment. He presented Thomas Maisano, of 61 Ridgeway, who stated that he was in favor of Mr. Tenney being able to spread the dirt around his property because Mr. Maisano is concerned that a big rainstorm will cause this dirt to runoff onto Mr. Maisano's property. It was noted that the violation letter sent to Mr. Tenney ordered that erosion control methods such as a silt fence be installed. Mr. Maisano asked how the process could be accelerated, and was advised that the Commission needed an application. Mr. Tenney produced an application and his check. He was asked to bring in copies of his site map the next morning in order to allow the commissioners to complete a site visit.

6. NEW BUSINESS: Jean Puchalski, chair of the Easton Garden Club advised Chair Dori Wollen that she was unable to attend the meeting tonight. She plans to attend the next meeting.

7. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING: none

8. CONSERVATION PROJECTS: none

9. OPEN - SPACE ISSUES: Steve Corti reported that the Town survey of the Pain Open Space Carriage Drive Entrance has been completed, so work on the entrance can now begin. Ed Nagy has offered to bring in material to level the path.

10. WEO COMMUNICATIONS: ongoing

11. CORRESPONDENCE: The Chair noted a request from Harold Rosnick to be placed on an agenda in June for return of his conservation bond.

12. MISCELLANEOUS: 3 Robin Hood Lane, #19-553 Installation of Pre Fab shed Approval by Designated Agent- duly noted.

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING: Vivian Hardison moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 14th, 2019, seconded by Steve Corti **VOTE:** The vote to approve the minutes was 6 in favor and one abstention (Corti)

14. ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vivian Hardison and seconded by Steve Corti. **VOTE:** The Vote to adjourn was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Submitted by Frances M. Daly
Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission