



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
EASTON TOWN HALL VIA ZOOM**

June 9, 2020 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT via Zoom: Dori Wollen, Chair, Cathy Alfandre, Steve Corti, Vivian Hardison, Steve Hume, Elliot Leonard Steve Montgomery.

ABSENT: Sarah Cwikla

Public present via Zoom: Attorney Janet Brooks, Jeff Becker, Dan Lent, June Logie, Bill Kupinse, Joan Harris, David Wheatley, Grant Monsarrat

Chair Dori Wollen called the meeting called to order at 7:38 p.m.

Steve Montgomery was appointed to vote for Sarah Cwikla.

- 1.) **#20-565-** Received February 11, 2020 + 65 days = 4/16/2020 per Governors Executive Order 7I = 7/13/2020 **-Banks Road- Amerakon Partners, LLC** (Robert Maquat). Chair Dori Wollen read an e-mail that she received from Rob Maquat, dated Tuesday June 9, 2020 stating that he is withdrawing this application. Chair Wollen stated that this withdrawal negates the need to hold a public hearing.
- 2.) **#20-566-**Received February 11, 2020 + 65 Days = 4/16/2020- per Governors Executive Order 7I = 7/13/2020. **As Of Right Determination Banks Road-**Amerakon, LLC (Robert Maquat). See above application.
- 3.) **#20-567-**Received 3/10/2020 + 65 Days =5/13/2020 + 90 days per Governors Executive Order 7I -**195 Adams Road-** Danielle Costa, applicant. Grading, Septic System, Move Driveway. Claudia dos Santos de Lima, owner, appeared via Zoom on behalf of this application. After the last meeting, Danielle de Costa, applicant contacted the secretary and granted permission over the phone to amend the application to reflect the building of a two story addition to contain a 2 car garage, and a 2nd floor bedroom, closet and bathroom. Several members noted that the maps submitted do not match the property that they saw on their site walk. Chair Wollen asked Ms. Dos Santos de Lima to have her engineer attend the next meeting to answer questions the Commissioners have about the drains, concrete pad, fences and debris.
- 4.) **SITE WALKS:**
- 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—"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. Warning re: activities within 100 feet of wetlands- The MG Easton Company, Harvester Road, Easton CT 06612 issued 10/10/2019. WEO Phil Doremus forwarded an e-mail from Attorney John Fallon. Commission members noted that the cemetery administration had been instructed to file an after the fact application in October, 2019.

7.) **NEW BUSINESS:** DEEP has announced the new Municipal Inland Wetlands Comprehensive Training Program is now available online.

8.) **REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:**

9.) **CONSERVATION PROJECTS:**

10.) **OPEN - SPACE ISSUES:** Steve Corti reported that the fallen trees have been cleared and he is awaiting an invoice from the contractor.

11.) **WEO COMMUNICATIONS:**

12.) **CORRESPONDENCE:** Chair Wollen read an e-mail from Attorney Janet Brooks referencing an earlier e-mail from Dan Lent. Ms. Wollen then read that e-mail dated March 21, 2020 from Dan Lent to WEO Phil Doremus claiming regulated activities without a permit on Mr. Maquat's property abutting both his and his father's properties on Banks Road which date to over 3 years ago. Ms. Wollen stated that both she and the WEO are investigating the allegations and will be visiting the site to determine what, if any, actions to take.

13.) **MISCELLANEOUS:** There was a discussion of Land Use Director Justin Giorlando's request that the Commission write a letter of support for the purchase of a parcel of the South Park Property by Aspetuck Land Trust. Chair Wollen reported that she spoke with David Brant, who confirmed that a letter of support would be very helpful in obtaining a state grant to purchase 17 acres of the South Park property, which has been appraised at \$380,000. A discussion ensued in which a request was made to see maps of the property. Several members stated that while they would be comfortable in sending a letter of support, they wished to see a plot plan so it may determine if any restrictions should be placed on the parcel(s). Members of the public who commented on this issue were June Logie, Jeff Becker and Grant Monsarrat

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

15. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS.** Vivian Hardison moved to amend the minutes to reflect the fact that Chair Wollen had been asked to contact David Brant regarding the South Park property. Steve Montgomery seconded the motion. Steve Montgomery moved to amend the minutes to change the discussion of the postponement of the tentatively scheduled public hearing from "July 7th" to "First two weeks in July". Vivian Hardison seconded the amended motion.

MOTION: A motion to approve the minutes of the May 26th, 2020 meeting minutes as amended was made by Elliot Leonard, seconded by Steve Corti. **VOTE:** The minutes of the May 26, 2020 meeting were approved as amended by unanimous vote.

16. **ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vivian Hardison and seconded by Steve Corti. **VOTE:** Approved by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Submitted by Frances M. Daly
Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission