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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION EASTON TOWN HALL July 14, 2020 7:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Sarah Cwikla, Steve Hume

Chair Dori Wollen called the meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Steve Montgomery was appointed to vote for Steve Hume.

- 1.) **#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, build 2 story addition containing 2 car garage and bedroom, bathroom and closet. Robert Pryor P.E., appeared on behalf of this application. He presented new maps to answer questions raised at the last meeting. He stated the pool and patio dimensions were now smaller. Steve Corti asked to have the dimensions shown on the application. In addition, the commission asked to have the pool fence, the septic system and the setback of the wetlands shown on the plans, even though Mr. Pryor was not responsible for the design of the septic.
- 2.) **#20-568**-Received 6/23/2020 + 65 Days = 8/27/2020-20 **Banks Road**-Construct New House-Drain within 100 feet of wetlands. Elizabeth Capela, applicant appeared on behalf of application. Cathy Alfandre noted that there are a lot of trees on the slope between the house and the detention basin. She stated that the trees would provide stability to the slope. Ms. Capela stated that she only planned to have one tree on the other side of the property removed. **MOTION:** Cathy Alfandre moved to approve application **#20-568** with standard stipulations and an additional stipulation that as many trees as possible be retained on the slope between the house and the detention basin. **VOTE: Application #20-568** was approved by unanimous voice vote with standard stipulations and an additional stipulation to retain as many trees as possible.
- 3.) **#20-569**-Received 7/14/2020 + 65 Days = 8/27/2020-9 **Rock House Road**- Hanson, Robert and Carly-Construct Equine barn. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson appeared on behalf of their application. On response to questions, they stated the barn will be a 12' x48' structure with a dirt floor and a block foundation. The plan is to dig out the foundation and truck away the spoils. They advised that the back of the property will be accessed through the driveway and the current garden. Chair Wollen asked to have the four corners of the barn and the access road staked. She also asked that the 100 foot and 60 foot spots from the wetlands be marked. Steve Corti asked to have the plan modified to show the elevation of the foundation.

- 4.) **#20-570-Received 7/14/2020 + 65 Days = 8/27/2020-100 Marich Drive-Mitchell DeEsso-** Construct inground pool. Mr. and Mrs. DeEsso appeared on behalf of their application. This site had been approved for a new house and pool in 2016. The DeEsso's stated that they had never built the pool and wanted to so now in the same location as had been previously approved. Cathy Alfandre asked how close the pool is to the wetlands. Mrs. DeEsso replied that only part of the fence was in a regulated area. Chair Wollen asked to have the 4 corners of the fence and the fence staked.

5.)SITE WALKS: 9 Rock House Road, 100 Marich Drive

6.) 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.

7.) NEW BUSINESS: Chair Wollen read a draft of the letter she will send to Aspetuck Land trust in support of their grant application.

Chair Wollen advised she had been approached by Nancy Doniger, Executive Editor of the Easton Courier asking to have their summer intern be allowed to photograph Open Space and trails. She asked if someone could take the intern on a tour of the trails.

8.) REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING;

9.) CONSERVATION PROJECTS:

10.) OPEN - SPACE ISSUES: Steve Corti advised that DPW had cut the grass and cleared the trails at Paine.

11.) WEO COMMUNICATIONS:

12.) CORRESPONDENCE: Land Use Director Justin Giorlando sent an e-mail advising that MetroCog would like to publicize the trails on the Open Space parcels. His e-mail noted that the Town Website already shows the public how to access some of the Open Space trails.

13.) MISCELLANEOUS: Chair Wollen stated she had received two affidavits from members of the Maquat family regarding the farm road which is alleged to be in violation. She read these affidavits into the minutes (copies attached). Ms. Wollen noted that Robert Maquat had requested and been granted an As of Right Determination in 2011 for 391 Sport Hill Road. She stated that she was told the culvert in question was built in 1955. Based on this statement, the two affidavits regarding the existence of the farm road in question, and the as of right activity permitted on the Maquat property, Chair Wollen stated she noted that this case is closed.

14.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

15.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS. MOTION: Cathy Alfandre moved to approve the minutes of June 23, 2020. Elliot Leonard seconded. **VOTE:** The minutes of the June 23, 2020 meeting were approved as amended by unanimous vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Submitted by Frances M. Daly

Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission

Affidavit:

State of Connecticut, County of Fairfield, Town of Easton.

My current legal name is Blake Robert Maquat.

I am presently 21 years old and my current address of residence is 391 Sport Hill Road, Easton, CT 06612.

I was born and raised at this address.

I, Blake Robert Maquat, attest that since my earliest recollection in 2002 at the age of 3, sitting on my father's lap while he drove us around on our 1947 Ford tractor and later as an individual driving a 2004 Silverado truck, I have personally and continuously to date been accessing a pathway/travel way around the total perimeter of the 4+ acre pond, which was established by members of the Maquat family and has been continuously maintained by members of the Maquat family. During this span of time, specifically between 2002 to the present, this pathway/travel way has been consistently and continuously accessed by numerous farm vehicles such as farm tractors (including the 1947 Ford tractor) and various farm trucks.

I hereby state that the information above is true, accurate and complete.

Blake Maquat

Blake Robert Maquat

7/10/20

Date

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TOWN OF EASTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Notary:

Subscribed and Sworn to before me, a Notary
Public, in and for County of Fairfield
and state of Connecticut, this 10 day of
July 2020

[Signature]
Notary Public

My Commission Expires
December 31, 2022

Affidavit:

State of Connecticut, County of Fairfield, Town of Easton.

My current legal name is Martha Millicent Maquat.

I am presently 96 years old and my current address of residence is 383 Sport Hill Road, Easton, CT 06612.

I have lived continuously at this address since 1948.

I, M. Millicent Maquat, attest that since the 1950's, members of the Maquat family have been accessing a pathway/travel way around the total perimeter of the 4+ acre pond which was established by members of the Maquat family (in 1955) and has been continuously maintained by members of the Maquat family. During this span of time, this pathway/travel way has been consistently and continuously accessed by numerous farm vehicles such as tractors (including a 1947 Ford tractor) and farm trucks.

I hereby state that the information above is true, accurate and complete.

Martha Millicent Maquat

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Notary Public

Atty General Eric Englund
December 31, 2022