



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
EASTON LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM**

**August 25, 2020 7:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Dori Wollen, Chair, Cathy Alfandre, Steve Corti, Vivian Hardison, Elliot Leonard.  
**ABSENT:** Sarah Cwikla, Steve Hume, Steve Montgomery

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

- 1.) **#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 this application. The Commission questioned the Hansons about the length of the silt fence, and what the plan was for the soil removed in excavating the foundation of the barn. Mr. Hanson replied that the silt fence will be lengthened to protect the pond. The majority of the dirt will be used to level the floor of the barn. Any excess will be trucked away. In response to another question Mr. Hanson stated that they plan to have the manure removed by Snows farm. It will be stored in a container near the compost heap prior to removal. They were asked if the utility companies had agreed to their plans for having electricity and water in the barn. It was noted that the plans show one side of the barn will be a foot below grade due to the slope of the ground. **MOTION:** Cathy Alfandre moved to approve application **#20-569** with standard stipulations. Steve Corti seconded the motion. **VOTE:** **Application #20-569** was approved by unanimous voice vote with standard stipulations.
- 2.) **#20-571**-Received 8/25/2020 + 65 Days = 10/29/2020-**301 Sport Hill Road**-Stepney LLC, George Ganim, Partner.-Construct new home, septic system and associated site improvements. Ian Eller of L. Edwards and associates appeared on behalf of this application. It was noted that there were two earlier applications regarding this site, both of which have expired. Mr. Eller stated that because of an earlier application a curtain drain had been installed, and there is a conservation easement at the back of the property. He also noted that there are catch basins that channel water from Sport Hill Road. They will need to be examined to make sure that the water goes in the proper direction. It was noted that the planned driveway is accessed from Beers Road. Chair Wollen asked that the property be cleared enough to allow it to be staked and to allow the Commission to see where the house, septic system, driveway, masonry wall will be and where the wetlands are.
- 3.) **SITE WALKS: 301 Sport Hill Road**
  - 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.

**6.) NEW BUSINESS:**

**7.) REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING;**

**8.) CONSERVATION PROJECTS:**

**9.) OPEN - SPACE ISSUES:** Chair Wollen stated that she had received e-mails from Mike Wallace of the Aspetuck Land Trust and pictures showing some of the trees which were downed on Paine Open Space by the recent tropical storm.

**10.) WEO COMMUNICATIONS:**

**11.) CORRESPONDENCE:** Chair Dori Wollen reintroduced the e-mail from Land Use Director Justin Giorlando regarding MetroCog and their request to show the trails on the Open Space parcels on their website. The Commission agreed that as trails are maintained only by volunteers, and the recent problems with dog owners, as well as incursions by ATV riders, it is not inclined to agree to publish the information about Easton Open Space trails on line.

**12.) MISCELLANEOUS:** Landtech of Westport advised that they have filed an application for a project within 500 feet of the town line with the Weston Conservation Commission. The Commission Secretary was directed to obtain a copy of the application and supporting documents.

Vivian Hardison advised that she is serving on a Sustainable Connecticut Committee. She described some of the topics the committee is working on.

**13.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**14.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS. MOTION:** Cathy Alfandre moved to approve the minutes of July 28, 2020. Vivian Hardison seconded. **VOTE:** The minutes of the July 28, 2020 meeting were approved as amended by unanimous vote.

**15.) ADJOURNMENT: MOTION** Vivian Hardison moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Corti seconded. **VOTE:** Approved by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Submitted by Frances M. Daly

Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission