



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM AND IN PERSON
CONFERENCE ROOM "A" TOWN HALL
August 24, 2021 7:30 p.m.**

PRESENT IN PERSON: Dori Wollen, Chair, Sarah Cwikla, Vivian Hardison, Dave Logie, Karin Niesyn (Alternate)

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Elliot Leonard, Cathy Alfandre

ABSENT: Steve Montgomery, Maria Corti (alternate)

Members of the public present via zoom, Robert Klem, Jonathan Stanczyk. Members of the public present in person: Mark Ochman, James Wright, 2 volunteer Firefighters.

Chair Dori Wollen called the meeting to order at 7:35. Karin Niesyn was appointed to vote for Steve Montgomery.

1.) # 21-594-1 Center Road-Easton Volunteer Fire Company. Received 8/24/2021+65 days=10/28/2021. Regrade and clear property, construct storage building. Robert Klem, President of the Volunteer Fire Company appeared via zoom. James Wright appeared on behalf of this application in person after technical difficulties prevented his participation via zoom. Several Commissioners had questions regarding the description of the project as the site plan was not accurate in labeling roads, placement of the firehouse and planned removal of trees. The Commission requested that the site plan be corrected to more accurately show the planned project before a site walk takes place. Chair Wollen asked that the proposed storage shed be flagged. Mr. Wright was asked to provide corrected site plans so as to schedule a site walk before the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 14.

2.) 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#11-158, Notice of Violation at 580 Sport Hill Road--Austin Ganim, issued 5/24/11

D. Amended Wetlands Permit #10-389, 288 Maple Road—4-lot subdivision, property owner: Vincenzo Toscano. Chair Wollen to write to P&Z regarding item "D".

E. Warning re: activities within 100 feet of wetlands- The MG Easton Company, Harvester Road, Easton CT 06612 issued 10/10/2019. The Commission approved application #21-583; however, it left the warning in place until such time that all construction is completed satisfactorily. Al Leko, Superintendent of Mountain Grove has written to advise that the work started on July 23, 2021.

F. **V#21-585** Activities within 200 feet of a 3-acre pond- Lorraine McLaughlin, 105 Norton Road, issued 3/24/2021. Staff was directed to send reminder letter to applicant Richard McLaughlin.

G. **V#21-584** Notice of Violation at 1074 Black Rock Road- Trevor A. Smith, issued 3/9/2021, Cease and Desist order.

H. Warning re; activities within 100 feet of wetlands- David Harding 570 Morehouse Road, Easton CT, issued May 17, 2021

I. **V#21-592** Activities within 100 feet of wetlands-David Harding, 570 Morehouse Road, Easton CT, issued August 12, 2021

j. **V#21-593** Activities within 100 feet of wetlands- John Stanczyk, 582 Morehouse Road, Easton CT, issued August 13, 2021. Marc Ochman, PE, RLS of Ochman Associates appeared on behalf of the homeowners. Mr. Ochman stated that after a tree fell on a culvert crossing the gravel driveway, the homeowner and a neighbor tried to replace the culvert in the regulated area. Upon receipt of the Cease and Desist order, all work was stopped. The homeowner will submit an application and a remediation plan. Several commissioners commended the homeowner for their timely response.

3.) **NEW BUSINESS:** Chair Wollen asked for comments on the new P&Z subdivision regulations

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

5.) **CONSERVATION PROJECTS:**

6.) **OPEN - SPACE ISSUES:**

7.) **WEO COMMUNICATIONS:**

8.) **CORRESPONDENCE DEEP:**

9.) **MISCELLANEOUS:**

10.) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS. MOTION:** Sarah Cwikla moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 10, 2021. Karin Niesyn seconded. **VOTE:** The minutes from the August 10, 2021 meeting were approved by a vote of 6 in favor and one abstention (Elliot Leonard).

11.) **ADJOURNMENT: MOTION** Cathy Alfandre moved to adjourn the meeting. Vivian Hardison seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Submitted by Frances M. Daly