



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
HELD IN PERSON
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM" A"
JULY 26, 2022 7:30 p.m.**

PRESENT IN PERSON: Dori Wollen, Chair, Cathy Alfandre, Dave Logie, Elliot Leonard, Steve Montgomery, Karin Niesyn.

ABSENT: Sarah Cwikla, Maria Corti

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT IN PERSON: William Pollock, Steven and Laura Salma

Chair Dori Wollen called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

1.) INLAND WETLAND APPLICATION:

#22-617 1080 Black Rock Road: Cleber Ramos, Install drainage along driveway, replace 18" pipe, received 7/12/2022 + 65 = 9/15/2022. No one appeared on behalf of this application.

#22-619 25 North Street: Steven and Laura Salma, Reset boulders to stabilize channel banks leading to pond, remove invasive vegetation, received 7/26/2022 + 65 = 9/29/2022.

William Pollock, Landscape Architect and the property owners appeared on behalf of this application. Mr. Pollock presented the plans for the project. In response to questions he stated that the pond is ½ acre in size, has both an inlet coming in from neighbor across the street and an outlet, and the entire back yard including the house is in the upland review area. They are looking to improve access from back of house down to pond and to add slab stone steps for safer access. They will need to bring in a small machine to place the steps and move the boulders. Chair Wollen asked that the perimeter of the inlet, the patio and the proposed steps be flagged.

SITE WALK: 25 NORTH STREET

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. **V#05-143**, Notice of Violation at 740 Stepney Road--Neunteufel and VonKuthy, issued 7/5/05. The WEO met with Mr. Neunteufel at the Stepney Road House this morning and will prepare a memo reporting on the visit.

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. On Friday July 22, Attorney William Taylor brought in the letter which had been sent to Mr. Ganim,

advising him that this violation will be lifted upon receipt of his signed acknowledgement that any activity within 100 feet from the edge of the wetlands must be permitted by this Commission. It contains Mr. Ganim's signature and was dated July 21, 2022. **MOTION:** Elliot Leonard moved to **LIFT V#11-158** as the terms set forth by this Commission in its letter to Mr. Ganim dated May 23, 2022 have been met. Karin Niesyn seconded. **VOTE: V#11-158** was approved by unanimous voice vote.

D. V#21-584 Notice of Violation at 1074 Black Rock Road- Trevor A. Smith, issued 3/9/2021, Cease and Desist order. Staff was directed to send a second violation letter, (sent on April 9, 2021). Chair Wollen noted that this address had been discussed at a recent P&Z meeting. The WEO submitted a memo detailing the history of this violation and the dispute between Mr. Smith and his neighbor. There were several questions as to where the fill was deposited. Staff was directed to find a map of 1074 Black Rock Road. As of this meeting there is no further update.

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

F. V#21-592 Activities within 100 feet of wetlands-David Harding, 570 Morehouse Road, Easton CT, issued August 12, 2021. Chair Wollen wrote to Mr. Harding on June 9th, 2022 levying a \$1000 fine. She read the letter into the record. It was sent to Mr. Harding both as First-Class mail and as Certified mail. The Chair advised that she has spoken to the First Selectman about the fine.

G. V#21-593 Activities within 100 feet of wetlands- John Stanczyk, 582 Morehouse Road, Easton CT, issued August 13, 2021. The homeowner's application **#21-597** was approved but the remediation work has not been completed. Chair Wollen read a report from the WEO into the record, in which he reported that the riprap had been installed. The Commission viewed photos submitted by the WEO and the remediation site plan submitted by Mark Ochman. It was suggested that members of the Commission drive by the site to look at it.

H.) V#22-615 Activities within 100 feet of wetlands – Gaetano and Laura Marini, 149 Twin Lanes Road, Easton CT, issued June 20, 2022. Mr. Marini appeared at the July 12th, 2022 meeting in response to this violation notice. Mr. Marini had a site plan on which he indicated an area he would like to farm. It also showed an area where he plans to build a house. He was advised he needs to file an As of Right Determination request as well as an After the Fact application for the work already done in the regulated area. No one appeared at this meeting.

I.) V#22-618 Spreading contaminated fill within 100 feet of wetlands-Easton Village Center LLC/COV. Chair Wollen and Steve Montgomery gave updates on the contaminated fill at Easton Village Store. Chair Wollen read from a Soil Scientists report on findings.

3.) NEW BUSINESS:

4.) REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING: P&Z's proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments were distributed to the members for review. Staff was directed to ask the Land Use Director if there are any additional changes to section 6500.

5.) CONSERVATION PROJECTS:

6.) OPEN - SPACE ISSUES:

7.) WEO COMMUNICATIONS:

8.) CORRESPONDENCE:

9.) MISCELLANEOUS: Discussion on the "Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations Fee Schedule for the Town of Easton" was tabled until the next meeting.

10). APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:

MOTION: Steve Montgomery moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 12, 2022. Cathy Alfandre seconded. **VOTE:** The minutes of the July 12, 2022 meeting were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

11). ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Elliott Leonard and seconded by Steve Montgomery. **VOTE:** Approved by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Submitted by Frances M. Daly
Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission