



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"
October 11, 2022 7:30 p.m.**

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

ABSENT: Sarah Cwikla

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT IN PERSON: Gaetano Marini, Kevin Schnaitmann, A.J. Grasso, another member of public.

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

1.) INLAND WETLAND APPLICATIONS:

#22-623,22-624-149 Twin Lanes: Gaetano Marini, After the Fact application, As of Right Determination request, received 9/27/2022 + 65=12/1/2022. Gaetano Marini appeared on behalf of this application which was filed in response to Violation V22-616 issued June 20, 2022, and also on behalf of this As of Right Determination Request. Chair Wollen asked if everyone had the opportunity to visit the site. Chair Wollen noted the power lines which is the CL&P right of way. Cathy Alfandre asked what the barn would be used for. Mr. Marini stated he plans to have goats and will store hay in the barn. He plans to place fill in that area to even out the ground and will plant grass. This work will not be near the wetlands. He had already created some swales to deal with water runoff. There was a discussion of the After the Fact application (#22-623) and the As of Right Determination Request. (#22-624) **MOTION:** Steve Montgomery moved that the Commission issue a determination that the activity shown on the site plans dated 9/20/2022, as well as observed by the Commission members on their individual site walks, are **As of Right Activities**, and as such, do not require any permit. Elliot Leonard seconded. **VOTE:** As of Right Determination Request #22-624 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

#22-625-143 Judd Road, Kevin & Camilla Schnaitmann, 2 story house, septic, driveway, received 10/11/2022+ 65 = 12/15/2022. A.J Grasso and Mr. Schnaitmann appeared on behalf of this application. Chair Wollen asked to have the proposed house, driveway, and septic flagged.

#20-574-36 Kachele Street, Remigio Melo, request to extend until 10/30/2023. Chair Wollen read Mr. Melos request into the record. He also stated he would like to bring electrical service to the shed. Members looked at the site plan and noted that such service would not impact the upland review area. **MOTION:** Cathy Alfandre moved to extend **#20-574 for two years until 10/30/2024.** Elliot Leonard seconded. **VOTE:** The motion to approve #20-574 until 10/30/2024 was approved by unanimous voice vote.

SITE WALK: 143 Judd Road

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. **V#21-584** Notice of Violation at 1074 Black Rock Road- Trevor A. Smith, issued 3/9/2021, Cease and Desist order. Attorney Lukas J. Thomas of Owens, Schine and Nicola appeared at an earlier meeting on behalf of Mr. Smith. Although Attorney Thomas agreed to follow up with a site plan there has been no further contact.

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

C. **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 without any response. On 10/7 the First Selectman advised staff that Peter Howard has been appointed as Hearing Officer and directed staff to work with his Assistant to initiate legal proceedings due to non-compliance pursuant to Chapter 325 of the Town Code.

D.) **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 submitted an As of Right Determination Request which was issued at this meeting. (see #22-623, #22-624 above.)

MOTION: Elliot Leonard moved to **LIFT V#22-615** as Determination Request #22-624 was issued. Steve Montgomery seconded. **VOTE: V#22-615 was lifted by unanimous voice vote.**

E.) **V#22-618** Spreading contaminated fill within 100 feet of wetlands-Easton Village Center LLC/COV. On 8/23/2022 Chair Wollen and Steve Montgomery gave updates on the contaminated fill at Easton Village Store. Based on available maps it was determined that the violation(s) are valid since the fill was deposited within the 100-foot regulated area. On 9/8/2022 Dr. Huribal was informed in writing that the area in question was indeed within the 100-foot regulated area. Accordingly, he was instructed to file an After the Fact application for the five events and stabilize the area in question either by seeding or planting of bushes acceptable to the Wetlands Enforcement Officer. As of this meeting there has been no response.

3.) NEW BUSINESS:

4.) REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:

5.) CONSERVATION PROJECTS:

6.) **OPEN - SPACE ISSUES:** Chair Wollen asked Dave Logie to contact DPW about the Carriage Drive entrance.

7.) WEO COMMUNICATIONS:

8.) CORRESPONDENCE:

9.) MISCELLANEOUS:

10). APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:

MOTION: Steve Montgomery moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2022. Elliot Leonard seconded. **VOTE:** The minutes of the September 27, 2022 meeting were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Submitted by Frances M. Daly

Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission