



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM "A"  
March 14, 2023 7:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT IN PERSON:** Dori Wollen, Chair, Cathy Alfandre, Steve Montgomery, Karin Niesyn, Dave Logie, Maria Corti, Brandon Harvey

**ABSENT:** Anthony Battaglia, Sarah Cwikla

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Anthony Trudo, Robert Letskus, Trevor Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Blonstein

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

Brendan Harvey was appointed to vote for Anthony Battaglia.

**1.) INLAND WETLAND APPLICATIONS:**

**#23-629 – 33 Herrmann Lane, Anthony and Jennifer Trudo** – install 18'x40' inground pool, patio and fence. Received: 02/14/23 + 65 = 4/20/2023

Applicant was present to answer any questions from the commission. Mr. Trudo indicated the retaining wall will be on the side of the driveway and the pool is going to be installed left to right with minimal adjustment to the slope. Dave Logie asked the silt fence be extended on either side which was noted on the map and initialed by Mr. Trudo. The Commission had no other issues with the application. Dave Logie made a motion to approve the application with standard stipulations including the additional silt fencing, seconded by Karin Niesyn, all in favor.

**#23- 632 – 507 Judd Road, Supreme Milford LLC, Robert Letskus** - install new footing drain  
Received 03/14/2023 + 65 days = 5/18/2023

Applicant was present to answer any questions from the Commission. The new home has already been built, however, when putting in the footing drain they hit too much rock ledge in the original proposed location. Chair Dori Wollen indicated the plan shows the water well also in the regulated area and requested the applicant amend the application accordingly. Mr. Letskus will revise the application and the Commission will walk the site.

**#23-633 – 771 Westport Road, Jessica Blonstein** – construct a 24'x24' accessory structure (garage) in the backyard and extend driveway to service the structure. Received: 03/14/2023 + 65 = 5/18/2023

Applicant was present to answer any questions. The garage will be detached, under 600 SF therefore not requiring footings. It will be placed on a concrete slab. The proposed garage is within the wetland setback, alternate locations were considered, however, the location of the septic and leaching fields are in the way. The commission requests the applicant stake the four corners of the location for the proposed garage so they may walk the site.

**#23-631, Morehouse Open Space, Morehouse Road – Conservation Commission – to create a walking trail – Received 2/28/23 + 65 = 5/4/23**

The Commission walked the site in the back of the Morehouse Civic Park. The trail will have no gravel and will be cleared by hand. Trail signs will be posted along with a sign indicating that all dogs must be leashed. Motion to approve the application made by Cathy Alfandre and seconded by Steven Montgomery, all in favor.

**#23-632. 440 Sport Hill Road, Marsel Huribal, after the fact application – clean up and grade back of the property, remove and replace contaminated fill with new dirt and gravel; test and stabilize the area. Received 2/28/23 + 65 = 5/4/23**

Applicant was not present; the Commission had walked the site. Karin Niesyn expressed concern that the newly planted shrubs are being deeply shaded by pallets and trailers located on the property. At the site walk a large pile of gravel was noted in the back of the property – right in front of some recently planted trees which is possibly located in the regulated area. The Commission would like to see the gravel removed and grass put down instead. Chair Dori Wollen will send the owner an email regarding the Commission's concerns and will ask the owner to come to a meeting to discuss these issues.

## **2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. **V#21-584** Notice of Violation at 1074 Black Rock Road- Trevor A. Smith was present to discuss the outstanding violation. He presented a soil scientist report for a part of his property only, however, this report does not deal with the area in question, i.e. the area subject to the violation. The Commission requested Mr. Smith obtain a map that shows the wetlands including the setback on his entire property. Mr. Smith agreed to have a map showing the wetlands and setback lines.

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 has received an application for As of Right from David Harding, however, the application was not received within enough time to be included on the agenda. The Commission requests the applicant come to the next meeting to better explain exactly what activity will occur.

**3. NEW BUSINESS** – Dori Wollen reported on the 3/13/23 P&Z meeting and hearing that included a Desegregate CT presentation.

**4. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING** –none

**5. CONSERVATION PROJECTS** - Morehouse Open Space

**6. OPEN SPACE ISSUES** - none

**7. WEO COMMUNICATIONS:**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

**9.) MISCELLANEOUS:** DEEP application to clean Keller Pond – duly noted

**10). APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:**

**MOTION:** Dave Logie moved and Karin Niesyn seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 5, 2023. **VOTE:** The minutes of the March 5, 2023 meeting were approved by a unanimous voice vote. Steven Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 meeting, seconded by Cathy Alfandre, all in favor.

**11). ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steven Montgomery and seconded by Dave Logie. **VOTE:** Approved by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m. by Chair Dori Wollen  
Submitted by Kiersten Ring