



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION EASTON TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM A

Tuesday, February 26th, 2019 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Dori Wollen, Chair, Cathy Alfandre, Steve Hume, Steven Montgomery (alt)

ABSENT: Vivian Hardison, Steve Corti, Sarah Cwikla, Elliot Leonard

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Steven Montgomery was appointed to vote for Sarah Cwikla.
2. **INLAND/WETLAND APPLICATIONS:**
 - a.) **#19-544** – received 02/26/2019 + 65 days = 05/02/2019 - **42 Sturbridge Road**– Jeffrey and Kathryn Benedetti - replace failed septic system. Mark Ochman of Ochman Associates appeared on behalf of the homeowners. He stated that the property changed hands last August, and at the time of the sale the septic system was inspected and found to be in failure. When questioned, he stated that the system is still working, but the homeowner would like to have it repaired before there is a catastrophic failure. Mr. Ochman will stake the property.
 - b.) **#19-545 Town of Easton-Paine Open Space- Carriage Drive Entrance** –Steve Corti was unable to attend this meeting and present this application. Accordingly, this item was postponed until the next meeting, when he will be able to explain the project to the balance of the Commission.
 - c.) **# 19-546** – received 02/26/2019 + 65 days = 05/02/2019-**105 Asmara Way**-BALP LLC. Warren Cartmell of Natural Designs appeared on behalf of the homeowner. Mr. Cartmell stated that the severe rainstorms in the late summer or early fall of 2018 caused a great deal of erosion to the stream bed behind the house at 105 Asmara Way. He stated that this erosion of the stream is causing the house foundation to be endangered as it is bringing the stream closer to the house. Mr. Cartmell produced a video clip of the stream flowing rapidly past the house after 1.5 inch rainstorm. He proposes to dig up the silt, place a heavy duty fabric liner against the rebuilt bank of the stream and place large boulders and riprap to prevent future erosion at this site. Mr. Cartmell was asked if he would proceed with a dewatering action, and replied that the plan is to wait for a dry period of weather before beginning work on the project. He stated that the next 2 houses downstream are much sited much higher above the stream bed than the one in question. Chair Wollen noted that this property and the surrounding subdivision were built in 1969, prior to the Inland Wetlands regulations enactment. Chair Wollen will ask Mr. Cartmell to stake the property.
- 3.) **AS OF RIGHT DETERMINATION REQUESTS:** none
- 4.) **SITE WALKS:** NONE
- 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—Michael Newman, issued 12/1/08
- d. Cease and Remediate order for 68 Sport Hill Parkway—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 – Follow up letter sent to DEEP.
- g. V#16-175, Notice of Violation at 90 Honeysuckle Hill Lane—Wanda M. Popescu, issued 7/5/16.
- h. Warning: 5 Wimbledon Lane—Owner Christian Bujdud. Follow up letter sent.

6.) NEW BUSINESS:

7.) REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING: 413 Morehouse Road proposed septic system. Town of Easton. The Commission reviewed the proposed septic system and has no issues with the planned location as shown on the map dated September 12, 2018. Should there be any changes made to this map or to the site plan then the Commission requires the applicant to return for review of the changes.

8.) CONSERVATION PROJECTS:

9.) OPEN-SPACE ISSUES:

10.) WEO COMMUNICATIONS: none

11.) CORRESPONDENCE:

12.) MISCELLANEOUS - A. Written request for 2 year extension on I/W permit # 17-521 Pond Cleaning, Owner of Record, **Salma, Steven R. and Laura B.** Mr. and Mrs. Salma were present and explained that when their contractor was ready to begin work on their pond, it began to rain regularly throughout 2018. Steve Hume moved to extend I/W permit #17-521 for a period of 2 years from the original approval until March 28th, 2021. Cathy Alfandre seconded the motion. **VOTE:** This request was approved by unanimous voice vote.

b.) The letter from Solitude Lake Management DEEP applications for Aquatic Pesticide permits at 95 North Street was duly noted.

13.) EXECUTIVE SESSION – to discuss “STATUTORY NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUE” submitted by counsel for Susan farmer and Anthony Farmer. Cathy Alfandre moved to go into Executive Session at 8:24 p.m., Steve Hume seconded. The Executive session ended at 8:48 p.m. No decisions were made and no motions were presented.

14.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING: a motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2019 was made by Steve Hume and seconded by Cathy Alfandre. **VOTE:** motion to approve minutes passed by unanimous voice vote.

15.) ADJOURNMENT: a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm was made by Steve Hume and seconded by Steve Montgomery. **VOTE:** motion to adjourn passed by unanimous voice vote.

FILED BY Frances M. Daly
Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission