



CONSERVATION COMMISSION
225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
EASTON TOWN HALL—CONFERENCE ROOM A
TUESDAY, November 24, 2015 at 7:30 PM**

PRESENT: Dori Wollen, Chair; Stephen Edwards, Vice Chair; Catherine Alfandre, Secretary; Roy Gosse; Steven Hume; Elliot Leonard; Vivian Hardison, Alternate; and Katherine Reed, Alternate

ABSENT: Stephen Corti and Sarah Cwikla, Alternate

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Dori Wollen called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.
2. **INLAND WETLANDS APPLICATIONS:** There were no applications to discuss.
3. **SITE WALKS:** None
4. **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 located 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—expiration date of extended permit: June 20, 2017. The Commission is waiting to hear back from Vincent Toscano regarding clearing of overgrowth from the dam and approval from CT DEEP.
 - G. V #15-476, Notice of Violation at 102 Center Road—**Nicholas Khamarji**, issued 5/13/15 for clearing and filling in an area within 100 feet of wetlands on or adjacent to his property. Nicholas Khamarji, whose son lives in the house, spoke with the Members at the May 26, 2015 meeting. The Commission is waiting for Mr. Khamarji to return with an A-2 or similar plan, noting wetlands delineations.
 - H. V #15-168, Notice of Violation at 123 Center Road—**Lello Properties, LLC**, issued 5/18/15. Mr. Lello was granted Permit #15-495 to correct the violation. Lifting of this violation is subject to project completion and WEO approval. The Members asked that Phillip Doremus, WEO revisit the property when remediation is complete.
 - I. V #15-169, Notice of Violation, with Cease and Desist at 235 Redding Road—**Dierdre Andreoli**, issued 8/27/15. Phillip Doremus, WEO will visit the property when remediation is complete.

- J. Warning sent by Wetlands Enforcement Officer Phillip Doremus re activity at 77 South Park Avenue.
- K. V#15-170, Notice of Violation at 80 Redding Road—Arvid A. Brandstrom, issued 10/21/15. This application will include 90 Redding Road as well; this will be noted on the next agenda. David Solway was present in the property owner's absence. Noting the activities for which Mr. Brandstrom has been cited, Mr. Solway presented the Commission with an application proposing a number of remediations as well as alternatives to the proposed activities. The Members explained to Mr. Solway that aside from the stated activities, additional activities should also be included in the application, such as activity in the large area of wetlands, which is now lawn, where it seems that the area was disturbed and regraded. Steve Edwards also noted that the plan submitted at the November 10, 2015 regular meeting is not comprehensive and that the full plan would be required. Secretary Krista Kot gave Mr. Solway a new application packet in order for the property owner to submit a complete all-inclusive application.

Dori Wollen requested that Krista Kot pull the 2002 application for 80 and 90 Redding Road, Permit #02-144, in order to better assess the property and what the property owner wants to do.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and possible vote on the 2016 Conservation Commission Meeting Schedule. Steve Hume made a motion to accept the 2016 Conservation Commission Meeting Schedule, and Elliot Leonard seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING & ZONING: None

7. CONSERVATION PROJECTS:

- A. Discuss proposed improvements to Paine Open Space Map—Roy Gosse reported that he should have a progress report next meeting.
- B. Continue discussion regarding creation of Conservation Regulations/Guidelines—Ongoing.
- C. Discuss creation of new Open Space map—Dori Wollen reported that she has been comparing the Commission's information with the Assessor's information and will give another update at the next meeting on December 8.
- D. Discussion regarding creating an open letter stating the Commission's objectives for the Town's available open space properties--Nothing new to report.

8. OPEN-SPACE ISSUES:

- A. Ongoing—Signage for Morehouse Open Space and Tatetuck Open Space properties--Steve Edwards reported that he is awaiting delivery of the sign ordered for Morehouse Open Space.

9. WEO COMMUNICATIONS: Comments have been relayed to the Commission via the Commission's secretary, Krista Kot, on an ongoing basis.

10. CORRESPONDENCE: None

11. MISCELLANEOUS:

- A. Violation letter/fee procedures; Elliot Leonard—The Members discussed, at great length, the current and proposed violation process noting the addition of a second letter including information on fines to be sent out by the Commission in the event of non-conformance. The Members will discuss further, and when the Commission has fine-tuned the letters and established a timetable for issuing the letters, the Commission will present the process to the Selectmen.

12. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:

- A. Minutes—Roy Gosse suggested that clarification be added to the Minutes in Item “K” under “Unfinished Business”. The sentence beginning, “It being an eyesore....” should read as follows: “Apparently the area had been mined for gravel and soil, creating a pit, and has remained that way for some time, full of junk and debris. Further, Mr. Brandstrom claimed that the pit, being an eyesore and a safety issue, should be filled in.” Roy Gosse made a motion to approve the Minutes with changes as discussed, and Vivian Hardison, Alternate Member voting in Regular Member Steve Corti’s stead, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 8:45 p.m. Steve Hume made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Steve Edwards seconded. Motion passed, unanimously.

PREPARED and FILED
by Krista Kot, Secretary
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