



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
EASTON TOWN HALL—CONFERENCE ROOM A
TUESDAY, July 12, 2016 at 7:30 PM**

PRESENT: Dori Wollen, Chair; Catherine Alfandre, Vice Chair; Sarah Cwikla; Vivian Hardison; and Jamie Weinstein, Alternate (voting for Steven Hume)

ABSENT: Steven Hume, Secretary; Steve Corti; Elliot Leonard; and Katherine Reed, Alternate

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER: Chair Dori Wollen called the meeting to order at approximately 7:35 p.m.

2. INLAND WETLANDS APPLICATIONS:

A. I/W Permit App. #16-513, 80 Redding Road—Arvid Brandstrom, Owner/Applicant. Restore wetland(s)/watercourse(s) and affected buffers. Received 6/14/16+65=8/18/16 See Item B, below.

B. I/W Permit App. #16-514, 90 Redding Road—Arvid Brandstrom, Owner/Applicant. Restore wetland(s)/watercourse(s) and affected buffers. Received 6/14/16+65=8/18/16 Items A. and B. above were discussed at the same time, although they are two separate applications. Aleksandra Moch, Wetlands Scientist, was present with Arvid Brandstrom and David Solway. Aleksandra Moch explained the plan and how the applicant intends to remediate the disturbed areas. The Members noted the dramatic change in wetlands landscape over the last 20 years. After further discussion, Cathy Alfandre made a motion to approve the removal of debris piles on the property prior to approval of an after-the-fact application. The debris piles include piles of wood chips, stones, topsoil, and stumps. A silt fence shall also be installed and run behind the gravel pit. Vivian Hardison seconded. A letter will be sent out reflecting the decision. Ms. Moch will return to the Commission with a planting and remediation plan.

3. SITE WALK(S): None at this time

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
- G. 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. At their June 14, 2016 meeting the Commission suggested to Mr. Lello that he meet with Phillip Doremus, Wetlands Enforcement Officer, at 123 Center Road to discuss what needs to be done in order to remediate the site.
- H. Warning letter for 77 South Park Avenue—David Dwight Senior, issued 10/5/15
- I. V#15-170, Notice of Violation at 80 and 90 Redding Road—Arvid A. Brandstrom, issued 10/21/15. Please see Permit Applications A. and B. under “Inland Wetlands Applications”.
- J. V#15-171, Notice of Violation at 21 Hall Road—Stuart M. Allen, issued by WEO 12/1/15. A letter was sent out on March 16, 2016 advising that Phillip Doremus, WEO will visit the site to ensure the area is stable. If the area is deemed stable, the Commission may lift the violation. No update at this time.
- K. V#15-172, Notice of Violation at 60 Weathervane Drive—Elaine R. Evans, issued by WEO 12/1/15. Although the Members voted to lift the violation at their January 26, 2016 meeting, the lift is contingent upon WEO approval. Phillip Doremus has visited the site and asked Krista Kot, Office Secretary to inform the Commission that the homeowner has yet to plant grass in order to stabilize the area. No update at this time.
- L. Written request from Harold Rosnick for release of bond relating to Adirondack Estates-- This item has been put on hold at Mr. Rosnick’s request.
- M. V#16-173, Notice of Violation at 32 Adams Road—Thomas Ganim, property owner, was asked at the June to complete an As-of-Right request and return to this next meeting, at which time the Members would review his request. Mr. Ganim was not present at this meeting; therefore, discussion was shelved until Mr. Ganim’s return.
- N. Update re “As-of-Right” work at 30 Banks Road—American Partners LLC; Robert Maquat. Robert Maquat was present with Timothy Brady and Mark Ochman of Ochman Associates, and said that he thinks he and Mr. Brady accomplished what they set out to do. Mr. Brady informed the Members that he put grass seed and hay down, and that the grass is coming up. Mr. Maquat continued, respectfully requesting to cross the stream and continue with their initiative, in accordance with the CT State Statutes. Mr. Maquat stressed the need for a quick decision regarding the stream crossing due to the fact that the equipment is at the site, ready to do the work, keeping in mind Steve Edwards’ com-

ments that the crossing be structurally sound for farm equipment, but minimally invasive. Afterwards, Mr. Maquat stated that he would like to continue the access way on the other side. Mr. Maquat noted, for the record, that he will follow best engineering practices. Based on the good faith presentations thus far, as well as the plans submitted, the Commission supports Mr. Maquat's ability to move forward but will still require an after-the-fact application. Catherine Alfandre made a motion to approve continuation of Mr. Maquat's as-of-right application with the stipulation of a permit application, specifically for the crossing of the stream, as depicted on the submitted map dated July 11, 2016. This after-the-fact application should be submitted as soon as possible. Vivian Harrison seconded; motion passed.

- O. 90 Honeysuckle Hill Road—pending “after-the-fact” application. A new violation was issued that included a cease and desist order, and the requirement of an after-the-fact application. Awaiting homeowner's response.

5. NEW BUSINESS: None

6. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING & ZONING: None

7. CONSERVATION PROJECTS:

- A. Ongoing—Paine Open Space (O/S) map: Trail Steward Mike Wallace to post red trail markers. Sarah Cwikla to measure trail lengths. No update.
- B. Ongoing—Creation of Conservation Regulations (Guidelines), Dori Wollen

8. OPEN-SPACE ISSUES:

- A. Sign for Morehouse Open Space—No update
- B. Discussion re three new signs at Paine O/S—No update

9. WEO COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Krista Kot reported that Phillip Doremus received a call informing him that the silt fence for 180 Redding Road has been installed. Dori Wollen recommended pulling the original application file for reference.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Invoice for Membership in Southwest Conservation district, totalling \$1,500. Duly noted.
- B. Received June 28, 2016, via email, Notice of Tentative Determination and Draft documents—Duly noted.

11. MISCELLANEOUS:

- A. Catherine Alfandre told the Members of her attendance at a recent legal and administrative update class. Ms. Alfandre shared that CT DEEP is working on revising their model regulations, with a target release of the end of July. Mrs. Alfandre also picked up an I/W survey while at the class that Dori Wollen will complete and return.
- B. Dori Wollen discussed changes she made to the existing job description for Commission secretary. Cathy moved to approved the job description as drafted. Vivian seconded; motion passed.
- C. Email received Tuesday afternoon regarding coastal waters. Duly noted.

12. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:

- A. Minutes—Catherine Alfandre noted a change in wording for the decision for 123 Center Road. No. 2 should read, “The Commission is aware of water issues on the property based on the homeowners’ usage of a sump pump”. The second change needed is the correction of the spelling of Aleksandra Moch in Item C. Also, under No. 13, Jamie Weinstein’s name is spelled in correctly, as Jaime. Jamie Weinstein made a motion to approve the Minutes as corrected, and Vivian Harrison seconded. Motion passed.

- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** At approximately 9:25 p.m. Vivian Hardison made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Jaime Weinstein seconded. Motion passed.

PREPARED and FILED
By Krista Kot, Secretary
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