



## 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, August 9, 2016 at 7:30 PM

**PRESENT:** Dori Wollen, Chair; Catherine Alfandre, Vice Chair; Sarah Cwikla; Elliot Leonard; Vivian Hardison; and Katherine Reed, Alternate

**ABSENT:** Steve Corti; Steve Hume; and Jamie Weinstein, Alternate

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER** : Chair, Dori Wollen called the meeting to order at 7:34pm. Katherine Reed was appointed to vote in place of Steve Corti.
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
  - 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  
Mr. Brandstrom and David Solway were present and confirmed granting a 65-day extension as noted in A. Moch's email of 8/4/16, covering both applications. New expiration date is 10/22/2016. Further, Mr. Brandstrom stated that the piles of stumps and other debris have been removed from the site, and the disturbed areas were graded, seeded and mulched. WEO, Phil Doremus confirmed the same in his note of 8/9/16.
  - C. I/W Permit App. #16-515, 30 Banks Road—Amerakon Partners LLC, Owner/Applicant. Install 24" culvert to cross stream with a farm road. Received 7/26/16+65=9/29/16. Upon visiting the site, it was noted that a silt fence was missing on the west side of the stream near each of the culverts.
  - D. After-the-fact I/W Permit App. #16-516, 90 Honeysuckle Hill Lane—Radu Popescu. Land clearing, remove six trees, build 10 plant beds, install fence. Received 8/9/16+65=10/13/16 Mr. Popescu presented the activities performed on his property as shown on the 1979 subdivision map of this property. The fenced in area is alleged to be about 35+ feet away from the stream and is about 150'x150'; between 5-7 trees have been removed and half of them stumped. Self-created erosion control has been erected and the garden is terraced to avoid erosion. Mr. Popescu confirmed that he hand delivered a copy of this application to Aquarion on Black Rock Turnpike. He is to get a written confirmation of receiving the documents. Property will be walked.
3. **SITE WALKS** 90 Honeysuckle Hill Lane, Adirondack Estates
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—4-lot subdivision, property owner: Vincenzo Toscano
  - G. V#15-168, Notice of Violation at 123 Center Road—Lello Properties, LLC, issued 5/18/15
  - H. Warning letter for 77 South Park Avenue—David Dwight Senior, issued 10/5/15 – WEO, Phil Doremus



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stated that most of the disturbance in the regulated area is stabilized. The activities near the road are associated with the establishment of one way traffic over the bridge. Cathy Alfandre moved, Sarah Cwikla seconded to lift the warning. Motion carried.

- I. V#15-170, Notice of Violation at 80 Redding Road—Arvid A. Brandstrom, issued 10/21/15
- J. V#15-171, Notice of Violation at 21 Hall Road—Stuart M. Allen, issued by WEO 12/1/15 – WEO, Phil Doremus confirmed that the activity cited under this violation is no longer continuing. The landscaper's equipment stored on the property is a zoning issue not a wetland violation. Elliot Leonard moved, Vivian Hardison seconded to lift the violation. Motion carried.
- K. V#15-172, Notice of Violation at 60 Weathervane Drive—Elaine R. Evans, issued by WEO 12/1/15. Although this violation was lifted at the May, 10, 2016 meeting, it could be removed only upon confirmation from the WEO, Phil Doremus. On 8/9/16 Mr. Doremus confirmed that the work covered by the permit is complete and the site is stable. Cathy Alfandre moved, Katherine Reed seconded to lift this violation. Motion carried.
- L. Written request from Harold Rosnick for release of bond relating to Adirondack Estates--\*Email rec'd. Mr. Rosnick was present and stated that all soil stabilization and remediation have been completed. This subdivision dates back to 2005 and most current members are not familiar with the open issues. WEO, Phil Doremus will be asked to inspect the site and give a report.
- M. V#16-173, Notice of Violation at 32 Adams Road – follow up letter was sent to Mr. Ganim on 8/4/16
- N. "As-of-Right" at 30 Banks Road. Amerakon Partners LLC; Robert Maquat – Although this Determination was approved on Jan 12, 2016 , applicant continues to provide progress reports at each our meetings;
- O. 90 Honeysuckle Hill Road—awaiting an "after-the-fact" application – received and discussed as noted above (2D)
- P. V#16-175, Notice of Violation at 90 Honeysuckle Hill Lane—Wanda M. Popescu, issued 7/5/16
- 5. **NEW BUSINESS** – Dori Wollen reported on the status of the secretarial opening.
- 6. **REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING** - none
- 7. **CONSERVATION PROJECTS**
  - A. Ongoing--Paine Open Space (O/S) map: Trail Steward Mike Wallace to post red trail markers and Sarah Cwikla to measure trail lengths
  - B. Ongoing--Creation of Conservation Regulations (Guidelines)—Dori Wollen noted the Newtown Conservation Commission's website that included a very informative write-up.
  - C. Open House at the Paine property is planned for Sat, Oct 1. Dori Wollen will contact David Brant to see if Aspetuck Land Trust would join in the activities.
- 8. **OPEN-SPACE ISSUES**
  - A. Ongoing—Signage for Morehouse O/S – sent another follow up to Steve Edwards; no response as yet.
  - B. Discussion re three new signs at Paine O/S
  - C. Dori Wollen met with John Hayes and discussed updating the open space map in preparation of the public hearing on Sept 13, 2016.
- 9. **WEO COMMUNICATIONS** – as noted above
- 10. **CORRESPONDENCE** - none
- 11. **MISCELLANEOUS** - none
- 12. **APPROVE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING** – the minutes were amended to include the following statement/clarification under 4N (Unfinished Business) : "After-the-fact application was received and accepted." A spelling error was also corrected under 8C where Mr. Doremus's name was misspelled. With

the corrections noted, Elliot Leonard moved and Vivian Hardison seconded to approve the minutes of 7/26/16. Motion carried.

**13. ADJOURNMENT** – meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Prepared by Dori Wollen, Chair  
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For Easton Conservation Commission