



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 January 10, 2017 7:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Dori Wollen, Chair; Catherine Alfandre, Vice Chair; Elliot Leonard, Steve Corti, Vivian Hardison, Katherine Reed, Jamie Weinstein, Steven Montgomery
ABSENT: Sarah Cwikla, Steve Hume

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.

INLAND/WETLAND APPLICATIONS:

- A. 200 Morehouse Road – Susan and Anthony Farmer were present. Ms. Wollen read a letter from the Conservation Commission of Fairfield requesting that they have an opportunity to comment on the proposed house and pool and will review the application during their meeting on February 1, 2017. Ms. Wollen requested from the Farmer's a 65 day extension on the application and the Farmer's approved the application. JD Fazio of 12 Morning Glory Lane was present and presented the Commission with a binder of pictures of the local wildlife that reside and use the creek where the 200 Morehouse lot is located. He indicated that developing this lot will impact not only the wildlife but the wetlands as well. He also again, presented signatures of neighbors that are against the proposed construction at 200 Morehouse. **1/10/17 + 65 day extension = March 16, 2017**
- B. 95 Sherwood Road – Mr. Esposito was present (owner) and reviewed the proposed garage, breezeway and covered porch addition. Mr. Esposito will stake the property and the Commission will walk the site and review at the next meeting. **1/10/2017 + 65 days = March 16, 2017**

SITE WALKS: The Commission members had walked the site at 200 Morehouse, Steve Corti indicated that he would like the stock pile possibly relocated to a different area of the property but overall the Commission will wait until Fairfield has reviewed the application to discuss.

AS OF RIGHT DETERMINATION REQUESTS:

- A. Silverman Farm – 451 Sport Hill Road. Mr. Silverman (owner) and Mark Ochman were present and requested a determination regarding proposed new work and plantings in the wetlands area. The request indicated that trees will be cut and grading will be done. Ms. Wollen stated that grading is not allowed in the regulated area. Mr. Silverman will revise his application to reflect no grading and will resubmit for the next meeting.

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 – A certified letter will be sent to Mr. Toscano again requesting the appropriate approval paperwork from the DEEP so that the Commission can review the bond release request.
- G. V#15-168, Notice of Violation at 123 Center Road—Lello Properties, LLC, issued 5/18/15
- H. V#15-170, Notice of Violation at 80 Redding Road—Arvid A. Brandstrom, issued 10/21/15
- I. **V#16-175, Notice of Violation at 90 Honeysuckle Hill Lane—Wanda M. Popescu, issued 7/5/16** – Dr. Popescu was present and stated that the last time she came in front of the Commission she thought that the Commission wanted her to plant trees. Ms. Wollen stated that there was confusion and the Commission will accept an updated map with an overlay from a soil scientist so long as the soil scientist certifies the overlay. The updated map (pending weather conditions) with a remediation plan will be submitted by February 14, 2017 and if that deadline is not able to be met, Dr. Popescu will notify the commission. The Popescu's have filled the requirements and done the work requested by Aquarion and an email from Aquarion confirmed.
- J. Written request from Harold Rosnick – bond release regarding Adirondack Estates (email). Mr. Rosnick was present and stated that he feels he has complied with the requirements regarding the bond that is being held for Adirondack Estates. Steve Corti feels that the drainage is still not as indicated on the plan. Mr. Rosnick will speak with Phillip Doremus regarding taking a look at the site and Ms. Wollen and the Commission will determine what if any of the bond may be released.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Sherwood Farm violation V#16-519 – Mr. Sherwood was not able to make the meeting to discuss this violation with the Commission but will attend the next meeting.
- B. Saddle Ridge discussion – The Commission discussed the recent public hearing regarding the new application to Planning and Zoning. The Commission has yet to receive a new application for Saddle Ridge.

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

OPEN-SPACE ISSUES

- A. Ongoing—Signage for Morehouse O/S and Tatetuck O/S properties – Steve Edwards was contacted again requesting an update on the Morehouse sign. The sign for the Morehouse open space as well as the Animal Shelter has been completed. Ms. Wollen stated that the sign has been approved by Planning and Zoning and will be installed.

WEO COMMUNICATIONS: none at this time

CORRESPONDENCE: none at this time

MISCELLANEOUS:

- A. Paine Open Space maintenance was discussed. Currently the area is maintained by Steve Corti and the Easton DPW. However, they are not always available for when something arises. Ms. Wollen did attend the Board of Finance meeting and presented a request for additional funds for maintenance. Ms. Wollen will speak with Aspetuck Land Trust to see who they use and cost. Steve Corti asked that the Commission members take a walk in Paine Open Space prior to the next meeting if possible to see what maintenance is required before making a formal request to the Board of Finance.
- B. A new alternate member of the Commission, Steven Montgomery, was recently appointed and present at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:

- A. A motion to approve the minutes from December 13, 2016 was made by Vivian Hardison and seconded by Elliot Leonard.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. was made by Vivian Hardison and seconded by Elliot Leonard.

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