



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
EASTON TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM A  
Tuesday July 25, 2017 7:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Dori Wollen, Chair; Vivian Hardison, Steve Hume, Elliot Leonard, Steven Montgomery, Catherine Alfandre, Sarah Cwikla

**ABSENT:** Steve Corti, Katherine Reed,

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **INLAND/WETLAND APPLICATIONS:**
3. **I/W #17-527** – 133 Center Road; Lello Residence, new pool application. Dave Bjorklund - Engineer was present, Cynthia Rabinowitz, Soil Scientist, as well as Joel Green, attorney for Albert Lello. The Commission had the opportunity to walk the site. Mr. Bjorklund stated that the filtration system will be a cartridge type that will allow for no backwash. Cynthia Rabinowitz discussed the rain garden and Riparian Garden, their purpose and their function. A motion was made by Catherine Alfandre to approve the application with standard stipulations as well as requesting a soil scientist supervise the installation of the rain garden and Riparian garden, seconded by Elliot Leonard. Vivian Hardison abstained from voting.
4. **AS OF RIGHT DETERMINATION REQUESTS** - none
5. **SITE WALKS:**
6. **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 – Mr. Toscano forwarded to Kiersten Ring an email from the DEEP, approving the work that has been done to date. However, the work still remains incomplete. A follow up letter to Mr. Toscano was sent on January 11, 2017, indicating that the bond may not be released until the work is fully complete. Mr. Toscano contacted the office and asked for another copy of the Commission's last letter.
  - G. V#15-168, Notice of Violation at 123 Center Road—Lello Properties, LLC, issued 5/18/15. Phillip Doremus performed a site inspection and sent the Commission a memo stating the violation can be lifted. A motion to lift the violation was made by Steve Hume and seconded by Vivian Hardison.
  - 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 – Mr. Popescu submitted a status update on the work he has completed and has yet to complete; Phil Doremus has met with Mr. Popescu at the site and confirmed that the work completed so far is satisfactory; also the placement of boulders was also reviewed and approved.



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- J. V#16-519 –355 Sport Hill Road - Sherwood Farm, issued 12/29/16
- K. Warning: 5 Wimbledon Lane – Owner Christian Bujdud – Mr. Bujdud was present; Dori Wollen stated that the Commission was not able to find a suitable map indicating wetlands for his property, however, a map for the neighboring property with the fire pond was located. Mr. Bujdud will contact Larry Edwards who did the map and see if he has any additional information regarding wetlands in that area and getting a Wetland map for Mr. Bujdud's property. No new update.
- 6. NEW BUSINESS: - none**
- 7. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING: none**
- 8. CONSERVATION PROJECTS**
- A. Ongoing--: ALT Trail Steward Mike Wallace to post red trail markers and Sarah Cwikla to measure trail lengths. Dori Wollen will contact Mr. Wallace to get an update.
- 9. OPEN-SPACE ISSUES**
- A. Ongoing—Signage for Tatetuck O/S property.
- B. Dori Wollen stated that the grass as Paine Open Space was cut this past week. Elliot Leonard suggested the Paine Open Space Open House event be held on September 30, 2017 from 11-2pm. Vivian Hardison and Elliot Leonard will create a flyer and Dori will arrange for publication.
- C. Leslie Minasi of Cedar Hill Road in Easton wrote to the Commission asking for permission to place a bench on Paine Open Space in memory of her son that passed away. The Commission has no issue but would like additional information as to where it is to be placed and what material it will be made of. Dori Wollen will speak with Ms. Minasi and get input from Steve Corti as well.
- 10. WEO COMMUNICATIONS: none at this time**
- 11. CORRESPONDENCE:**
- 12. MISCELLANEOUS:**
- A. The Commission reviewed the As of Right determination that was made with regards to 451 Sport Hill Road (Silverman's Farm). It appears that Mr. Silverman's contractors may have graded a Wetland/watercourse area that was not allowed. The Commission agreed that a stop work letter should be sent asking for work to stop and for Mr. Silverman to attend the next meeting to discuss exactly what work has been done and what mitigation to take place, if any.
- B. The Board of Selectmen forwarded P&Z's letter in which Mr. Maquat (chair) suggested walking trails be created in Town and asked for a committee be appointed. In turn, the Board of Selectmen at it's July 20, 2017 meeting opted not to consider another committee, rather asking the Conservation Commission to take over the project. The Commission feels that this request presents a huge liability issue and requires expertise way beyond what the members can provide. A committee does need to be appointed with representatives of several Town agencies that would include a landscape engineer/architect as well. requires input from an Engineer as well as multiple other issues present. Dori Wollen will follow up with a letter to First Selectman Adam Dunsby.
- C. The Commission went into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. for 2 minutes to hear an update regarding 200 Morehouse Rd, Executive session ended at 8:32 p.m.
- 13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:**
- A. A motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2017 was made by Vivian Hardison and seconded by Elliot Leonard.
- 14. ADJOURNMENT:**
- A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. was made by Catherine Alfandre and seconded by Vivian Hardison.

**FILED BY KIERSTEN RING**  
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Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission