



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

### MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION EASTON TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM A Tuesday February 27, 2018 7:30 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** Steve Corti, Sarah Cwikla

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. Steven Montgomery was appointed to vote for Steve Corti.
2. **INLAND/WETLAND APPLICATIONS:** #18-535 – Town of Easton, South Park Ave Bridge #04211 replacement, received 2/13/2018 + 65 days = 4/19/2018. This bridge is by Marich Drive/SouthPark/Buck Hill Roads intersection; The replacement is essentially the same design as the replacement of bridge #04213, down the road on South Park.. A public hearing is set for March 13, 2018.
3. #18-536 – 180 Redding Road LLC c/o Leslie Stone – 180 Redding Road, garage addition and inground pool application, received 2/13/18 + 65 days = 4/19/2018. David Bjorklund was present to discuss the application and reported that the garage was no longer requested. Commissioners who visited the site noted discrepancies between the map and what was staked on site. Mr. Bjorklund will confirm and revise the map(s) for the next meeting.
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.
  - G. V#15-170, Notice of Violation at 80 Redding Road—Arvid A. Brandstrom, issued 10/21/
  - H. V#16-175, Notice of Violation at 90 Honeysuckle Hill Lane—Wanda M. Popescu, issued 7/5/16.
  - I. V#16-519 –355 Sport Hill Road - Sherwood Farm, issued 12/29/16
  - J. Warning: 5 Wimbledon Lane – Owner Christian Bujdud – Mr. Bujdud sent a copy of his soil scientist's report (Jay Fain and Associates, 2/22/18) stating that no work was done in the regulated area. WEO to review.
7. **NEW BUSINESS:** none
8. **REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:** none
9. **CONSERVATION PROJECTS**
10. **OPEN-SPACE ISSUES** - on 2/21/18 sent a note to Bruce Bombero of DPW requesting a survey of the boundary between the main driveway to the Paine Open Space and the adjoining Rega property on the right. Once the property line is delineated we will get a permanent fence erected at that site.
11. **WEO COMMUNICATIONS:**

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**12. CORRESPONDENCE:** (a) Dori Wollen received an email from a University of Connecticut student who is working on a bobcat study and would like to put up trail cameras in Paine Open Space.. Kristen Beattie, the UConn student, gave an update and noted that she planned to place two cameras during May that would be on site for one year. She will give us a short report for our website and another report once the project is over.

(b) Received DEEP's tentative determination (undated) of a water diversion permit renewal/modification requested by Aquarion. The work is being done in the vicinity of Rte7 at the Ridgefield/Wilton town line and involves the Saugatuck, Aspetuck and Hemlock Reservoirs, as well as the Saugatuck, Aspetuck and Mill Rivers and Cricker Brook. Letter duly noted.

(c) Received Aquarion letter (1/31/18) requesting nominations for its 2018 Environmental Champion Awards program. Deadline is May 1, 2018. We will nominate Boy Scout Troop 66 of Easton members of which have completed several Eagle Scout Projects on various open space areas in Easton.

**13. MISCELLANEOUS** (a)– Adam Dunsby, First Selectman approved our proposed budget; meeting with the Board of Finance is scheduled for Tue, March 6, 2018.

(b) Atty. Harold Rosnick in his letter of Jan 29, 2018 requested the return of the bond balance in connection with the Adirondack Estates Subdivision. Although the WEO reported the site to be stable, the Commissioners who re-visited this site confirmed that the work on the access road across the major bridge and across #44 has yet to be completed. Specifically, while the catch basins have been installed, they are higher than the existing grade and therefore are not functional. Further, there are no erosion controls in place to protect runoffs from the site which conditions were part of the original approval from 2004/05

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** re: 200 Morehouse Road – Farmer vs Easton Conservation Commission and Saddle Ridge Development update. At 8:18 pm Steve Hume made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Vivian Hardison. Executive Session ended at 9:10pm during which time there were no motions or decisions made.

**15. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:**

A motion to approve the minutes of February 13, 2018 was made by Elliot Leonard and seconded by Steve Hume.

**16. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. was made by Vivian Hardison and seconded by Steve Hume.

**FILED BY KIERSTEN RING**

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**Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission**