



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION EASTON TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM A Tuesday March 27, 2018 7:3 p.m.

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

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m..
2. **Public Hearing:** South Park Ave Bridge replacement #04211 – The notice of the public hearing was inadvertently not read into the record, although it was noticed on three different occasions prior to the current meeting. A copy of the notice is attached to these Minutes. Ed Nagy, Town Engineer for Easton and Mark Zessin, PE from Anchor Engineering were present and presented the plan. This bridge is by Marich Drive/South Park/Buck Hill Roads intersection. The replacement is essentially the same design as the replacement of bridge #04213, down the road on South Park. The project will take about 90-120 days, depending on the weather, and will be done during the summer months when school is out. Mr.&Mrs. Harbul of Marich Drive were present and Mr. Harbul questioned both the timing and the related road closures. No comments were received from Aquarion or Trout Unlimited. With no further discussion, Elliot Leonard moved to approve Permit Application #18-535, seconded by Steve Corti, with standard stipulations. The motion carried unanimously.

3. INLAND/WETLAND APPLICATIONS:

- a) #18-536 – 180 Redding Road LLC c/o Leslie Stone – 180 Redding Road, inground pool application, received 2/13/18 + 65 days = 4/19/2018. David Bjorklund was present to discuss the application and confirmed that the stakes as noted on the revised map (2/27/18) match the physical location at the site. The stakes show the perimeter of the fence and next to the pool there will be a rain garden. The inground propane tank currently at the middle of the proposed pool will be moved as shown on the plan dated 2/27/2018. Upon extensive discussion, Elliot Leonard moved to approve application #18-536 with the following conditions: (a) cartridge filter is to be used for the pool; (b) the disturbed area south of the house must be restored; (c) a construction driveway (gravel) with anti-tracking is to be used to access the site off Redding Road and must be restored upon completion of the project; (d) the area near Rte 136 must be restored as well and no equipment should enter the wetland/regulated areas. The motion was seconded by Steve Corti. The motion carried with Vivian Hardison, Cathy Alfandre and Sarah Cwikla abstaining.
- b) #18-537 – 173 North Street – Kevin Wade – construct two ponds within wetland areas – received 3/27/18 + 65 days = 5/31/18. Kevin Wade, applicant presented the application. He is planning to create two ponds within existing wetlands, for personal recreational use and to diversify wildlife habitat. The ponds will be connected by a pipe with an access driveway between them.. A 2' high berm and riprap outlet channel will control the outflow that will be

capable to handle a 100 year storm event. A silt fence around both proposed ponds is in place so the Commissioners will be able to inspect the property.

4. AS OF RIGHT DETERMINATION REQUESTS - none

5. SITE WALKS: - 173 North Street

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. – no new information

6. NEW BUSINESS: none

7. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING: (a) request for comments re South Park Ave Bridge:: the bridge design is the right approach and it is well designed. Following our public hearing on the subject, the project was approved and the permit will be issued.

(b) request for comments re 180 Redding Road fence in the flood plain: we have not received an application for determination of wetland impact for this project, however, upon visiting the site re the pool permit, we noted that the wetland inside the fence was damaged. The damage was caused by trucks building the fence. A violation will be issued accordingly.

8. CONSERVATION PROJECTS - Ben Burrell, an Eagle Scout candidate met with the Commission to discuss possible projects for his final badge. Several projects were mentioned, among others the Skyline Drive entrance to Paine and the trails near the barn foundation, off Maple Road.. The Skyline Drive entrance will require the property line delineation (Town's responsibility) so the trail clearance is the preferred activity at this point. Ben will return with a plan of action and further discussions with the Commission.

9. OPEN-SPACE ISSUES .

10. WEO COMMUNICATIONS:

11. CORRESPONDENCE: (a) Dori Wollen received an email from Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments re CLEAR Land Use Academy sessions in May. This is a two 1 ½ hour training session covering basic legal issues and fundamentals of reading plans. The sessions will be held at the Fairfield Museum on May 10 and May 21, 6pm – 7:30pm. April 9, 2018 is the sign up deadline. .

12. MISCELLANEOUS

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION: re: 200 Morehouse Road – Farmer vs Easton Conservation Commission and Saddle Ridge Development update. At 8:52 pm Steve Hume made a motion to go into Executive

Session, seconded by Vivian Hardison. Executive Session ended at 9:32pm during which time there were no motions or decisions made.

14. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:

A motion to approve the minutes of February 27, 2018 was made by Cathy Alfandre and seconded by Elliot Leonard / Motion carried with Sarah Cwikla abstaining..

15. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. was made by Vivian Hardison and seconded by Sarah Cwikla and the motion carried.

Encl: Public Hearing Notice

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Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission

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NOTICE

The Public Hearing that was set for March 13, 2018 regarding the South Park Ave Bridge Replacement, and canceled due to snow, has been rescheduled for March 27, 2018 during The regular meeting of the Conservation Commission. The meeting begins at 7:30pm in Conference Room A located in Town Hall.