



## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
EASTON TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM A  
Tuesday April 24, 2018 7:30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Dori Wollen, Chair; Cathy Alfandre, Steve Corti, Sarah Cwikla, Elliot Leonard, Steven Montgomery

**ABSENT:** Steve Hume, Vivian Hardison

1. Meeting called to order at 7:32 p.m.
2. **INLAND/WETLAND APPLICATIONS:** #18-537 – 173 North Street – Kevin Wade – construct two ponds within wetland areas – received 3/27/18 + 65 days = 5/31/18. The applicant, Kevin Wade, and his contractor, Larry Edwards, presented a new map of an expanded application that includes a house, septic system, and driveway. Dori Wollen noted that the applicant may need to provide an additional fee to cover the expanded set of activities on the site. Mr. Edwards addressed concerns raised by the Commission in a previous meeting. The new design for the ponds presents diverse slopes, with a minimum 4:1 slope. There was some discussion about appropriate vegetation around the ponds; Sarah Cwikla recommended that the applicant identify and include native plantings. There was also a question about how much upland acreage is on the site, and Mr. Edwards provided rough calculations to indicate that there are at least 2 acres. Dori Wollen indicated that the plan should include a barrier to prevent access/incursion into the large wetland area at the south end of the property. Steve Corti noted that driveway improvements need to be specified and addressed prior to any work on the site, both for safety and wetland protection reasons. The Commission noted that the construction schedule should incorporate driveway improvements and house construction, and Sarah Cwikla requested that construction timelines be included. Cathy Alfandre noted that silt fences on the site need to be repaired to protect the wetlands. Mr. Wade and Mr. Edwards will return at the next meeting with additional plans to address these comments. The Commission also discussed a possible conservation easement on the southern portion of the property, especially given its connectivity with the Paine Open Space and the Centennial Forest.
3. **AS OF RIGHT DETERMINATION REQUESTS:** none
4. **SITE WALKS:** none
5. **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 10/21/15

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- 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. Dori Wollen sent a letter to the Homeowner.
- 6. NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. Administrative Assistant job opening: A job ad was placed on indeed.com, and the Commission received 82 applications. Dori Wollen has reduced the number of resumes for review to 25. Further review and interviewing will be done in the coming weeks.
  - B. Saddle Ridge: Ira Bloom contacted Dori Wollen to inform the Commission that the judge would like to open the 2014 case (permit was granted by the Commission, but the applicant appealed the conditions). All records and transcribed minutes need to be given to the judge by July 20. The Commission will provide meeting recordings to a transcription company.
- 7. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:** Dori Wollen noted that she sent a letter to P&Z documenting that the Commission had no issues with the addition of one row of solar panels to the proposed Phase II array behind Samuel Staples Elementary School.
- 8. CONSERVATION PROJECTS:** no new report
- 9. OPEN-SPACE ISSUES:** no new report
- 10. WEO COMMUNICATIONS:** none
- 11. CORRESPONDENCE:** The Commission received a handful of items including: notice of a water diversion permit public hearing in Branchville; a reminder from Aquarion about nominations for the Champion Award; a pesticide application notice; and a letter from P&Z on its approval of a permit for a bridge replacement on Old Oak Rd near Marich Drive. All correspondence duly noted.
- 12. MISCELLANEOUS:** Six Commission members are confirmed for an upcoming land use seminar on May 10; one Commission member will attend a seminar on May 21.
- 13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:** A motion to approve the minutes of April 10, 2018 was made by Steve Corti and seconded by Cathy Alfandre, all in favor.
- 14. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. was made by Steve Corti and seconded by Sarah Cwikla, all in favor.

**FILED BY** Cathy Alfandre

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**Vice Chair, Easton Conservation Commission**