



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
EASTON TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM A
Tuesday, June 12, 2018 7:30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Dori Wollen, Chair; Cathy Alfandre, Vivian Hardison, Steve Corti, Elliot Leonard, Steve Hume, Sarah Cwikla, Steven Montgomery (alt)

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. – The meeting was recorded by Vivian Hardion's phone as the regular recorder was not available..
2. **INLAND/WETLAND APPLICATIONS:** #18-537 – 173 North Street – Kevin Wade – construct two ponds within wetland areas and a house – received 3/27/18 + 65 days = 5/31/18. No one was present for this application. Dori Wollen noted that on May 31, 2018 the Commission received Kevin Wade's written note granting an extension of time. The letter failed to include a specific period of time and therefore the maximum period of 65 days was recorded pursuant to by Conn State Statutes. A letter confirming the extension will be sent to Mr. Wade.
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
 - H. V#16-175, Notice of Violation at 90 Honeysuckle Hill Lane—Wanda M. Popescu, issued 7/5/16. Phil Doremus, WEO, visited the site on June 5, 2018 and observed that the bottom row of the garden was not removed as required by the Commission. A letter will be sent to the homeowner confirming the current condition and informing them of the fact that the violation remains in effect and a fine will be levied if no action is taken within 30 days.
 - 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:** Jean Puchalski, Chair of the Agricultural Commission gave a presentation of her Commission's activities. Specifically, she talked about farm preservation and the tools available for Easton farmers should they opt not sell their land to developers. Easton's Agricultural Land Preservation Fund (1985) was the basis of signing the Cooperative Agreement for the Joint Partnership of the Farmland Preservation Program

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and the Community Farms Preservation Program among the State of CT, CT Dept of Agriculture and the Town of Easton.

7. **REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:** none .
8. **CONSERVATION PROJECTS:**
9. **OPEN-SPACE ISSUES:** Bruce Bombero of DPW provided a map showing the exact boundary of the Paine Open Space main driveway on the right as entering the property. The Commission intends to erect a permanent fence at this location. Steve Corti will see to get quotes for a split rail fence.
10. **WEO COMMUNICATIONS:** none
11. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Received a copy of a letter (sent to the First Selectman) from the Merritt Parkway Conservancy Group asking for Easton representation. Will evaluate and respond in due course. .
12. **MISCELLANEOUS -** Planning and Zoning will hold a Public Meeting on June 20, 2018 re Easton's Plan of Conservation and Development. Also, Planning and Zoning informed us that the fencing at 180 Redding Road was approved with conditions. Duly noted.
13. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:** a motion to approve the minutes of May 22 , 2018 was made by Steve Corti and seconded by Vivian Hardison . Unanimous.
14. **ADJOURNMENT:** a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm was made by Steve Corti and seconded by Elliot Leonard. All in favor.

FILED BY Dori Wollen

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Chair, Easton Conservation Commission