



CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION
COMMISSION

EASTON TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM A

Tuesday July 10th, 2018 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Dori Wollen, Chair; Catherine Alfandre, Steve Corti, Elliot Leonard,
Vivian Hardison, Steve Montgomery

ABSENT: Steve Hume, Sarah Cwilka

ALTERNATE: Steven Montgomery was appointed to vote for Sarah Cwilka

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 and a house – received 3/27/2018 + 65 days + 65 days 8/4/2018. John Lambert, a land use attorney (25 Trumbull Place, North Haven) appeared on behalf of Mr. Wade, who was present as well. Larry Edwards, who is Mr. Wade's engineer/architect, did not appear.

Mr. Lambert discussed the Commission's request for a Conservation Easement, and stated that his client was unwilling to grant one. Mr. Lambert said his client is concerned he would be unable to use his property for certain activities such as the grazing of animals if an easement were granted. The Commission reminded Messrs. Lambert and Wade that all landowners in a protected area must make application to the Commission if they want to make changes to their property, as any change may adversely affect adjoining properties. The properties adjacent to Mr. Wade include Aquarion, Paine open space and State of Connecticut land. Mr. Lambert stated that they are willing to state on the record that any activity in the south part of the area would be reported to the Commission. Cathy Alfandre stated that she felt the Commission could not properly consider this application without having the final plans available. Steve Corti moved to table any further discussion on this application pending the appearance of Mr. Edwards. Elliot Leonard seconded. The motion to table was approved by unanimous voice vote.

#18-538 – 718 Sport Hill Road – Daniel Witkins. Cathy Alfandre moved to accept application 18-538, seconded by Steve Corti, approved by unanimous voice vote.

Construct a deck on the rear of an existing house, received 7/10/18 + 65 days = 9/13/2018. Daniel Witkins was present to discuss the application. The Commission members will make a site visit and discuss at the next meeting.

3. **AS OF RIGHT DETERMINATION REQUESTS** - none

4. **SITE WALKS:** 718 Sport Hill

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/
- H. V#16-175, Notice of Violation at 90 Honeysuckle Hill Lane—Wanda M. Popescu, issued 7/5/16. Members visited the site and determined that the silt fence should remain in place until all required activities are completed. In addition, all grass clippings and debris should be removed from the creek; the current rocks are not large enough to demarcate the conservation area. A letter will be sent to the homeowner.
- 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 asking for an update.

6. NEW BUSINESS: none

7. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:

8. CONSERVATION PROJECTS

9. OPEN-SPACE ISSUES

10. WEO COMMUNICATIONS:

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

12. MISCELLANEOUS: Chair Wollen reported on an email exchange with Town Attorney Ira Bloom regarding Saddle Ridge. The Town Attorney is filing a motion to dismiss the Saddle Ridge appeal of the Commission's 2014 permit approval.

13. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:

A motion to approve the minutes of June 26th, 2018 was made by Elliot Leonard and seconded by Steve Corti. Motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. was made by Steve Corti and seconded by Vivian Hardison. Motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

FILED BY Frances M. Daly

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Secretary, Easton Conservation Commission