



CONSERVATION COMMISSION
225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
EASTON TOWN HALL—CONFERENCE ROOM A
TUESDAY, April 28, 2015
7:30 PM**

PRESENT: Roy Gosse, Chairman; Stephen Edwards, Vice Chairman; Dori Wollen, Secretary; Stephen Corti; Steven Hume; and Elliot Leonard

ABSENT: Catherine Alfandre and Sarah Cwikla, Alternate

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Roy Gosse called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.
2. **INLAND WETLANDS APPLICATIONS:**
 - A. I/W #15-489, Paine Open Space at Maple Road—Town of Easton. Replace five old, damaged drainage pipes. Rec'd 4/14/15+65=6/18/15. The Members revisited the application, and after brief discussion, Steve Edwards made a motion to approve the application, and Steve Hume seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
 - B. I/W #15-493, 16 and 35 Golf View Drive—Mr. and Mrs. (Diane) Andrew Geisert. Drainage improvements. Received 4/28/15+65=7/2/15. Mr. and Mrs. Geisert were present. Mrs. Geisert explained that when the ground is saturated, there are drainage issues. Mrs. Geisert went on to say that after much deliberation, they came up with a plan to redirect the water to a detention basin on their neighbor's property at 35 Golf View Drive. The Members discussed the proposal and asked the applicants to stake a few areas as well as stripe the area to be excavated in preparation for the Members to walk the site.
3. **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 located 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
Steve Edwards will speak with First Selectman Adam Dunsby regarding the noted violation to discuss gaining approval for legal review.

- F. Amended Wetlands Permit #10-389, 288 Maple Road—expiration date of extended permit: June 20, 2017.
- G. Discussion with Attorney Hal Rosnick re open space land swap off of Riverside Lane. Due to Messrs. Rosnick and Mendell's busy schedules, this item will be addressed at the May 26, 2015 meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

Dori Wollen made a motion to add the following item to "New Business", and Steve Edwards seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- A. Request for a two-year extension to Permit #13-450 to construct new home, septic system, and associated site improvements in upland area. After brief discussion, Dori Wollen made a motion to grant a two-year extension for Inland Wetlands Permit #13-450, through June 2017, and Steve Edwards seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING & ZONING:

- A. Request for review and comment by Conservation Commission and Inland Wetlands Agency of Application by Americo Panaccia for a proposed 2-lot Resubdivision of 21 and 25 West Wind Road, Trumbull/Easton, Connecticut, Received in Office 4/17/15. Regarding Inland Wetlands, the Agency had determined at their last meeting that there would be no wetland impact, and regarding Conservation, the Commission recommends that the Planning and Zoning Commission ask for fee in lieu of.

6. CONSERVATION PROJECTS:

Lengthy discussion was held regarding a number of items the Commission would like to address regarding the open space properties, some of which are listed below:

1. Better marking of entrances to open space properties, perhaps adding split rail fencing, or some other media to lead public into the open space properties;
2. Better marking of off-road parking areas, with possible neighbor education;
3. With Phil Doremus's assistance, as well as that of Aspetuck Land Trust, creation of an updated plan of Paine Open Space, noting crossings; and,
4. Kiosk roof at Paine needs to be replaced.

Roy Gosse later mentioned that there is sumac at Paine Open Space that needs to be stripped. The Members discussed a few different ways of disposing of the sumac, which will be discussed at greater length when the project is at hand.

Although the Department of Public Works has been of great assistance in the past, the Commission discussed hiring an outside contractor to help with some of the work they discussed, as the cost to the Town might be lessened by using an outside entity, as opposed to the Department of Public Works.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Letter from Aquarion Water Company regarding "Diversion Permit Application, Monroe to Newtown", dated April 10, 2015. Duly noted.

8. OPEN-SPACE ISSUES:

- A. Ongoing—Signage for Morehouse Open Space and Tatetuck Open Space properties. The Members briefly discussed sign sizing and asked Steve Edwards to take the lead on the project. Commission Secretary, Krista Kot will look in the files to find the name of the most recent sign-maker used by the Commission.

9. WEO COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Krista Kot, secretary to the Commission noted that Phil Doremus, WEO had prepared a letter to the property owner of 102 Center Road pertaining to clearing and depositing (filling) in an area within 100 feet of wetlands on or adjacent to property. The Members suggested that it be made clear in the letter that any activity in the regulated area is to cease. Mr. Doremus will request that the property owner attend the next regularly-scheduled meeting.
- B. The Commission members discussed a pile of wood chips at 70 Redding Road, located on the southern side of the house. The Members requested that Phil Doremus, WEO make sure that the stockpile is moved.

10. SITE WALKS:

- A. 20 Riverside Lane
- B. 16 and 35 Golf View Drive

11. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:

- A. Steve Edwards made a motion to approve the Minutes from the April, 28, 2015 meeting, as corrected, and Dori Wollen seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The correction is as follows:
Page 2, Item G., although the item passed, the motion to second was inadvertently omitted.

12. MISCELLANEOUS: n/a

- 13. ADJOURNMENT:** Steve Edwards made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:58 p.m., and Steve Corti seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PREPARED and FILED
By Krista Kot, Secretary
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