



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
EASTON TOWN HALL – CONFERENCE ROOM A
Tuesday, August 30, 2016 at 7:30 PM**

PRESENT: Dori Wollen, Chair; Catherine Alfandre, Vice Chair; Elliot Leonard, Vivian Hardison
ABSENT: Steve Corti, Steve Hume, Sarah Cwikla, Katherine Reed, Jamie Weinstein, Alternates

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER: Chair, Dori Wollen called the meeting to order at 7:34pm.

2. INLAND WETLANDS APPLICATIONS

- A. I/W Permit App. #16-513, 80 Redding Road—Arvid Brandstrom, Owner/Applicant.
Restore Wetland(s)/watercourse(s) and affected buffers. Received 6/14/16+65=10/22/16
- B. I/W Permit App. #16-514, 90 Redding Road—Arvid Brandstrom, Owner/Applicant.
Restore Wetland(s)/watercourse(s) and affected buffers. Received 6/14/16+65=10/22/16
A. Moch, Soil Scientist, representing the applicant, together with Messrs. Brandstrom and D.Solvay were present. Ms. Moch presented a remediation plan for the combined properties focusing on four separate areas totaling 30,000 square feet. Area 1 will include trees and shrubs within the wetland/watercourse buffer; area 2 will get flowering meadow mix replacing the existing lawn; area 3 will get flowering meadow mix within the wetland buffer area and in area 4 new wetland will be created between wetland flags 20 and 24 as shown on the map received and stamped on 8/29/16. Questions remained as to the fate of the open pit full of construction debris. The site will be walked again and applicant will present proposals re this issue at the next meeting.
- C. I/W Permit App. #16-515, 30 Banks Road –Amerakon Partners LLC, Owner/Applicant.
Install 24" culvert to cross stream with a farm road. Received 7/26/16+65=9/29/16.
With all erosion controls in place and the crossing complete, upon motion by Catherine Alfandre and seconding by Elliot Leonard, the motion carried and the application was approved.
- D. After-the-fact I/W Permit App. #16-516, 90 Honeysuckle Hill Lane—Radu Popescu. Land clearing, remove six trees, build 10 plant beds, install fence. Received 8/9/16+65=10/13/16
Commissioners walked the site and reported that all activities on this property – clear cutting and stumping followed by creating a vegetable garden - were done within the 100' regulated area, without a permit. Most importantly, without proper erosion controls particularly because the entire area is on a slope. As an interim measure applicant was instructed to install a silt fence from the property line to about 5 feet away on the other side of the garden fence, within the garden fence and the tree log supposedly acting as erosion control. The site will be walked again to determine what other mitigation will be required re this project. Mr. Popescu was present at the meeting and was asked again to get a receipt from Aquarion confirming their receipt of the "after-the-fact" application.

3. SITE WALKS 90 Honeysuckle Hill Lane, Adirondack Estates and 80/90 Redding Road

4. 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
 - F. Amended Wetlands Permit #10-389, 288 Maple Road—4-lot subdivision, property owner: Vincenzo Toscano
 - G. V#15-168, Notice of Violation at 123 Center Road—Lello Properties, LLC, issued 5/18/15
 - I. V#15-170, Notice of Violation at 80 Redding Road—Arvid A. Brandstrom, issued 10/21/15
 - J. Written request from Harold Rosnick for release of bond relating to Adirondack Estates--*Email rec'd.
No action was taken; site has to be walked.
 - K. V#16-173, Notice of Violation at 32 Adams Road – follow up letter was sent to Mr. Ganim on 8/4/16
 - L. V#16-175, Notice of Violation at 90 Honeysuckle Hill Lane—Wanda M. Popescu, issued 7/5/16
- 5. NEW BUSINESS** – Dori Wollen reported that Kiersten Ring was hired to replace Krista Kot as the Commission's secretary. Kiersten will start on her new job on 8/31/16.
- 6. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING** - none
- 7. CONSERVATION PROJECTS**
- A. Ongoing--Paine Open Space (O/S) map: Trail Steward Mike Wallace to post red trail markers and Sarah Cwikla to measure trail lengths
 - B. Ongoing--Creation of Conservation Regulations (Guidelines)—ongoing
 - C. Open House at the Paine property is planned for Sat, Oct 1. Aspetuck Land Trust will participate in this event and Elliot Leonard will coordinate.
- 8. OPEN-SPACE ISSUES**
- A. Ongoing—Signage for Morehouse O/S – sent another follow-up to Steve Edwards; no response as yet.
 - B. Discussion re three new signs at Paine O/S
 - C. Dori Wollen reported that the Open Space Map (updated as of 2016) is ready for the public hearing to be held on 9/13/16. The warning of this event will be published in the Easton Courier on Sept 1 and 8 as required by law.
- 9. WEO COMMUNICATIONS** - none
- 10. CORRESPONDENCE** – Mr. & Mrs. Neary informed the Commission about starting the pond dredging on their property on Sanford Drive – as approved on 1/14/16
- 11. MISCELLANEOUS** - none
- 12. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING** –
- Upon motion by Catherine Alfandre and second by Elliot Leonard, the Minutes of the August 9, 2016 meeting were approved.
- 13. ADJOURNMENT** – meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm.

Prepared by Dori Wollen, Chair
Filed by Krista Kot
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