



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM AND IN TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
JANUARY 12, 2021 7:30 p.m.**

PRESENT IN PERSON: Dori Wollen, Chair

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Cathy Alfandre, Steve Corti, Sarah Cwikla, Vivian Hardison, Steve Hume, Elliot Leonard, Steve Montgomery (alternate).

ABSENT: None

Member of the public present via zoom: Jay Tenney, Mark Ochman; Joe Martin
Member of the public present in person; Richard McLaughlin

Chair Dori Wollen called the meeting called to order at 7:33 p.m.

Steve Montgomery did not vote.

- 1.) **#20-575**-Received 10/27/2020 + 65 days = 12/31/2020 + 30 days = 1/30/2021-**57 Ridgeway Drive**- Jason Tenney- Install 20' x 40' inground pool and spa, pool fence, shed. Owner Jason Tenney and Mark Ochman, PE, appeared on behalf of this application. A new site plan dated January 7, 2021 was presented. Mr. Tenney stated that the decision to slide the proposed pool away from the wetlands eliminated the need to build a wall. He plans to plant Junipers in the area closer to the wetlands to provide screening and a buffer. Mr. Ochman answered questions regarding the siting of the pool, silt fence and grading. **MOTION:** Vivian Hardison moved to approve **#20-575** with standard conditions and as shown on the site plan dated January 7, 2021. Cathy Alfandre seconded. **VOTE: #20-575** was approved by unanimous voice vote.
- 2.) **# 21-579**-Recieved 01/21/2021 + 65 days =3/18/2021- **116 Wyldwood Road**- Kahn, Sajid- Replace Failing septic system. Joe Martin of AJM Septic and Excavating appeared on behalf of the homeowner. Chair Wollen asked if this system was an emergency repair. Mr. Martin described the current system as failed with effluent seeping up through the lawn whenever a shower is taken or the washing machine is used in the house. Mr. Martin stated that the old leaching field would be left where it is and the old tanks would be crushed and filled. It was also noted that the Town Sanitarian has approved the permit request. Because the old leaching fields have failed the commissioners agreed that this matter should be acted upon immediately. **MOTION:** Steve Hume moved to approve **# 21-579** with standard stipulations and compliance with the conditions set by Eren Ceylan, Town Sanitarian. Steve Corti seconded. **VOTE: #21-579** was approved by unanimous voice vote.

3.) SITE WALKS:

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—"68 Sport Hill Parkway, LLC"-Michael Newman, issued 12/1/08

D. Cease and Remediate order for 68 Sport Hill Parkway—"68 Sport Hill Parkway, LLC"-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. Chair Wollen reported that she has been in correspondence with DEEP regarding Big Lake Dam.

G. Warning re: activities within 100 feet of wetlands- The MG Easton Company, Harvester Road, Easton CT 06612 issued 10/10/2019. Nothing has been heard from Attorney Fallon. Chair Wollen will write a letter.

H. **V#20-573**, Notice of Violation at 36 Kachele Street---Remigio Melo Jr., issued 9/24/2020, Cease and Desist order. The Commission approved application #20-574, however, it left the violation in place until such time that all construction is completed satisfactorily.

I.) **V#20-576**, Notice of Violation at 21 Wintergreen Road- Manny Rodriques, issued 12/11/2020 for placing fill within 100 feet of wetlands. Chair Wollen discussed a memorandum from the WEO, which stated that the property owner had satisfactorily explained that the fill had been placed there by a previous owner. The WEO recommended that the violation be lifted.

J.) **V#20-577**, Notice of Violation at 134 Delaware Road-Raymond and Judy Baldgya, issued 12/11/2020 for placing fill within 100 feet of wetlands. Chair Wollen discussed a memorandum from the WEO who stated that he had spoken with the homeowner and explained the activity was a violation. The WEO reported that the homeowner had removed the fill and the area is now stabilized. He recommended the violation be lifted.

MOTION; Steve Corti moved to lift **Violation # 20-576** and place the notice on the Town Land records, and to lift **Violation #20-577**. Cathy Alfandre seconded. **VOTE:** Both violations were lifted by unanimous voice vote.

K.) Warning re: Activities within 200 feet of a 3 acre pond. Lorraine McLaughlin -105 Norton Road. Richard McLaughlin appeared to explain what he has been doing in that area. He was advised to file an application and provide site plans.

6.) NEW BUSINESS: Chair Wollen stated Ed Nagy of DPW had asked for Commission members to look at a large Ash tree which needs to be removed from open space abutting the Gilbertown Cemetery. Dori Wollen, Steve Corti and Vivian Hardison will go to see the tree.

7.) REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:

8.) CONSERVATION PROJECTS:

9.) OPEN - SPACE ISSUES: Steve Corti reported that DPW crews had been working at Paine clearing trees and trails with large equipment. He stated that they had worked at least 6 to 7 days, but there was at least another 6 to 7 days of work still to do. It was noted that drones have been observed being flown over Paine. Questions were raised as to whether drones are permitted at Paine (or on other Town properties).

Dori Wollen and Steve Corti will meet with Rec and Parks regarding Paine maintenance.

10.) WEO COMMUNICATIONS:

11.) CORRESPONDENCE

12.) MISCELLANEOUS: Officers will be elected at the next meeting.

13.) EXECUTIVE SESSION:

14.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS. MOTION: Vivian Hardison moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 8, 2020 via zoom. Elliot Leonard seconded. **VOTE:** The minutes from the December 8, 2020 meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

15.) ADJOURNMENT: MOTION Vivian Hardison moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Hume seconded. **VOTE:** Approved by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Frances M. Daly