

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

AGENDA
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
EASTON TOWN HALL-CONFERENCE ROOM A

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024, IN PERSON at 7:30pm

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPOINTMENT:** Eagle Scout Candidates
- 3. APPLICATIONS**

#24-651, 95 Wood End Road, Paul Khamarji, applicant, As-of-Right, consolidate wetlands into an irrigation pond for crops and livestock, clear 8 acres to become pastures and crop fields. Received 1/9/2024 + 65 days = 3/24/2024.

#24-657, 1080 Black Rock Road, Cleber Ramos, owner, build new gravel driveway with 48" drainage pipe, Received 3/12/2024 + 65 days = 5/30/2024.

#24-658, 102 Gate Ridge Road, Thomas Betzig, owner, failed septic system, Received April 9, 2024 + 65 days = 6/13/2024.

#24-659, 105 Gate Ridge Road, Bill Winter, owner, failed septic system, Received April 9, 2024 + 65 days = 6/13/2024.

#24-660, 43 Hillside Drive, John Speridakos, owner, construct single family house, driveway and septic system, Received April 9, 2024 + 65 days = 6/13/2024.

#24-661, 5 Ridgedale Road, Benito Garcia, owner, cut down dangerous trees in review area, deposit fill to level yard near house.

- 4. SITE WALKS:**

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a.) **V#21-584**, Notice of Violation at 1074 Blackrock Road-Trevor A. Smith, issued 3/9/2021. Mr. Smith (3/14/23) was present to discuss the outstanding violation. He presented a soil scientist report for a part of his property only, however, this report does not deal with the area in question, i.e. the area subject to the violation. The Commission requested Mr. Smith obtain a map that shows the wetlands including the setback on his entire property. Mr. Smith agreed to have a map showing the wetlands and setback lines. – no new information. 11/28/2023. Mr. Smith dropped off a site plan and letter from a soil scientist.

b.) Warning re: activities within 100 feet of wetlands-David Harding, 570 Morehouse Road, Easton CT, issued May 17, 2021. Chair Wollen wrote to Mr. Harding on June 9th, 2022 levying a \$1000 fine without any response. On 10/7/22 the First Selectman advised staff that Peter Howard has been appointed as Hearing Officer and directed staff to work with his Assistant to initiate legal proceedings due to non-compliance pursuant to Chapter 325 of the Town Code. The hearing was held on December 9, 2022. During this hearing Mr. Harding asserted he had obtained a farm designation for his property. His friend and neighbor, Dan Phillips, who also appeared, said Mr. Harding's property was covered by the Stanczyk's permit for regulated activities. Mr. Harding was expected to appear at this meeting with an As of Right Determination request and also provide information regarding the alleged activities at the rear of his property. Mr. Harding has not submitted any application. Mr. Howard sent Mr. Harding a follow up letter on 1/6/23. As of tonight, 2/14/23, no word from Mr. Harding and the case will be turned over to outside counsel for further handling. - 3/28/23 – As of Right Determination request received. 5/9/2023 Since this request was incomplete and regardless of several written requests Mr. Harding failed to comply in completing the request, the application was removed from the agenda - 5/23/2023, Mr. Harding and his friend Dan Phillips appeared. Mr. Harding declined to sign the As of Right request. He agreed to choose several dates to present to the Commission to schedule a site visit. 6/13/2023 This offer was withdrawn by Mr. Harding. Chair Wollen has asked the First Selectman to proceed with legal action (8/24/2023). 1/2/2024. Mr. Harding sent e-mail to First Selectman.

c.) V# 21-592 Activities within 100 feet of wetlands- David Harding, 570 Morehouse Road, Easton CT, issued August 12, 2021. Letter delivered by Marshall December 4th, 2021. Fine of \$1000 levied 6/9/2022.

d.) V#23-644 cease and desist order, issued 6/26/2023, activities within 100 feet of wetlands, - Wesley Silva, Sandra Teixeira, 22 Buttonwood Trail, Trumbull, 53 Adirondack Trail, Easton. Chair Wollen sent a letter to Harold Rosnick. Mr. Rosnick stated at the 11/28/2023 meeting he would contact the residents of 22 Buttonwood Trail.

e.) V#24-652 cease and desist order, issued January 11, 2024, activities within 100 feet of wetlands, - Carrena Property Management, 76 Northwood Drive, Easton. Mark DeLieto has submitted a memo regarding his visit to the property on January 11th, when he advised the onsite contact to install a silt fence.

3. **NEW BUSINESS:** Connecticut Pond services-apply pesticides to Town of Easton pond
735 Sport Hill Road

4. **REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:**

5. **CONSERVATION PROJECTS**

6. **OPEN-SPACE ISSUES**

7. **WEO COMMUNICATIONS:14 Crescent**

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

9. **MISCELLANEOUS:**

10. **APPROVE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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