



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
JANUARY 26, 2021 7:30 p.m.**

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Dori Wollen, Chair, Cathy Alfandre, Sarah Cwikla, Vivian Hardison, Steve Hume, Elliot Leonard, Dave Logie (alternate).

ABSENT: Steve Corti, Steve Montgomery (Alternate)* (Both members were unable to access Zoom Meeting)

Member of the public present via zoom: Ian Eller, Maria Corti

Chair Dori Wollen called the meeting called to order at 7:34 p.m. She introduced Dave Logie as a new Alternate Member who has been sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Dave Logie did not vote.

1.) 20-571- 301 Sport Hill Road, Stepney LLC, George Ganim, partner. Ian Eller of J. Edwards and Associates appeared on behalf of Mr. Ganim in order to satisfy a stipulation which was part of the approval of this application on December 8, 2020. Mr. Eller submitted site plans which show the swale and driveway were reengineered in order to alleviate flooding both of this site and also of that on the adjacent property immediately to the west. Mr. Eller stated that his client wished to ask for an amendment to a conservation easement on the property. The Chair advised that no easement is recorded for this site on the land records in the Town Clerks office. Mr. Eller was advised that if his client wishes to ask for a conservation easement on this property, he may apply for and he will have to execute a "Conservation Easement" document. Any change to the existing permit will need a formal request to amend. **MOTION:** Elliot Leonard moved to approve the reengineering of the site as stipulated in the Commission's approval of this application at its meeting on December 8, 2020. Cathy Alfandre seconded the motion. **VOTE:** The motion was approved with 5 votes in favor and one abstention (Vivian Hardison). A letter will be sent to the applicant to regarding the issue of the easement.

2.) SITE WALKS:

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 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.

K.) Warning re: Activities within 200 feet of a 3 acre pond. Lorraine McLaughlin -105 Norton Road. Chair Wollen spoke to Richard McLaughlin. He advised that he is completing an application but is not yet ready to file it.

4.) **NEW BUSINESS:** Chair Wollen stated that Steve Corti, Vivian Hardison and she met with Ed Nagy of DPW to look at a large Ash tree which needs to be removed from open space abutting the Gilbertown Cemetery. They agreed it may be removed without filing a wetlands application.

5.) **REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:**

6.) **CONSERVATION PROJECTS:**

7.) **OPEN - SPACE ISSUES:** Chair Wollen advised that she and Steve Corti had visited Paine Open Space with Danielle Alves to see the clearing of trees and trails by Parks and Recreation staff. She stated that they will be able to reach areas with their smaller machines to finish up where DPW staff was unable to clear with its large equipment. Ms. Alves proposed to Chair Wollen that she would like to update the signage to show the trails and the length of each trail. Chair Wollen will find out more about this proposal.

8.) **WEO COMMUNICATIONS:**

9.) **CORRESPONDENCE DEEP** advised it has granted an irrigation permit to the Connecticut Golf Club which will expire in January 2045.

10.) **MISCELLANEOUS:** Election of Officers: **MOTION:** Elliot Leonard moved that the current slate of officers be reelected. Vivian Hardison seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Dori Wollen was reelected as Chair, Cathy Alfandre as Vice Chair and Steve Hume as Secretary by unanimous voice vote.

11.) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

12.) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS. MOTION:** Elliot Leonard moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 12, 2021 via zoom as amended. Vivian Hardison seconded. **VOTE:** The amended minutes from the January 12, 2021 meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

13.) **ADJOURNMENT: MOTION** Vivian Hardison moved to adjourn the meeting. Elliot Leonard seconded. **VOTE:** Approved by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Submitted by Frances M. Daly