



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM AND IN PERSON
CONFERENCE ROOM "A" TOWN HALL
May 11, 2021 7:30 p.m.**

PRESENT IN PERSON: Dori Wollen, Chair, Cathy Alfandre, Vivian Hardison, Dave Logie

PRESENT VIA ZOOM: Elliot Leonard, Steve Montgomery, Maria Corti (alternate) {arrived 8 p.m.}.

ABSENT: Sarah Cwikla

Maria Corti was appointed to vote for Sarah Cwikla.

Members of the public present via zoom: Mark Ochman, Janet Haller. Member of the public present in person: Michael LoBuglio

Chair Dori Wollen called the meeting to order at 7:35. Maria Corti was appointed to vote for Sarah Cwikla.

1.) #21-588 10 Stepney Road- Barnes, Kimmie and Matthew. Received 4/27/2021 + 65 days = 7/2/2021. Construct 16' x 32' inground pool. Mark Ochman of Ochman Associates appeared on behalf of this application via ZOOM. There were several questions about the positioning of the pool fence and if the homeowners planned to do any plantings around the pool. Mr. Ochman replied that he believed the lawn was to remain as is without plantings. **MOTION:** Vivian Hardison moved to **APPROVE** application # **21-588 10 Stepney Road** with standard stipulations. Elliot Leonard seconded the motion. **VOTE: #21-588** was approved by unanimous voice vote. (Maria Corti was not present to vote on this item)

2.) # 21-589 62 Bayberry Lane- Weinstock, Janet, Received 4/27/2021 + 65 days = 7/2/2021. Add 2 story wood addition including garage, extend driveway and move generator. Michael LoBuglio, architect, appeared in person on behalf of this application. Several Commissioners stated that while they wish the driveway could be further removed from the pond, they recognize that there needs to be a safe place to turn around. **MOTION:** Cathy Alfandre moved to **APPROVE** application #**21-589 62 Bayberry Lane** with standard stipulations. Dave Logie seconded the motion. **VOTE: # 21-589** was approved by unanimous voice vote (Maria Corti was not present to vote on this item,)

3.) SITE WALKS:

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 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.

G. Warning re: activities within 100 feet of wetlands- The MG Easton Company, Harvester Road, Easton CT 06612 issued 10/10/2019. The Commission approved application #21-583; however, it left the warning in place until such time that all construction is completed satisfactorily.

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.) **V#21-584** Notice of Violation at 1074 Black Rock Road- Trevor A. Smith, issued 3/9/2021, Cease and Desist order. Chair Wollen will follow up with WEO.

5.) NEW BUSINESS: Janet Haller of 570 Morehouse asked to address the Commission via ZOOM regarding a complaint about her neighbor's property. **MOTION:** Cathy Alfandre moved to add this item to the agenda. Vivian Hardison seconded the motion. **VOTE:** The motion to add this item to the 5.11.2021 Agenda was approved by unanimous voice vote. (Maria Corti was not present for this vote.) Mrs. Haller stated that her neighbor to the north has been conducting some kind of logging business at the rear of his property within 100 feet of wetlands. She said that he has built a tall berm of woodchips along her property line that prevents anyone from seeing into his property. He seems to be using other parts of the property for storage and dumping. Mrs. Haller's statements were supported by photos found on the GIS system taken in April of 2020. Chair Wollen stated that the Commission will look into this matter.

6.) REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING AND ZONING:

7.) CONSERVATION PROJECTS:

8) OPEN - SPACE ISSUES: Dave Logie reported on his survey of possible maintenance needs at Paine and the Morehouse property.

9.) WEO COMMUNICATIONS:

10.) CORRESPONDENCE DEEP:

11) MISCELLANEOUS: Chair Wollen read an e-mail from DPW to the Eastern Racquet Club regarding the need to reduce impervious surfaces.

12.) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS. Cathy Alfandre asked to amend the minutes of the regular meeting of April 27, 2021 to replace the "wetlands" with the "cleared area" (is stabilized) in application # 21-586. **MOTION:** Elliot Leonard moved to approve the minutes of 4/27/21 as amended. Cathy Alfandre seconded. **VOTE:** The minutes from the April 27, 2021 meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

13.) ADJOURNMENT: **MOTION** Cathy Alfandre moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Montgomery seconded the motion. **VOTE:** Approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Submitted by Frances M. Daly