



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

225 Center Road - Easton, Connecticut 06612

**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
EASTON TOWN HALL—CONFERENCE ROOM A
TUESDAY, May 10, 2016 at 7:30 PM**

PRESENT: Dori Wollen, Chair; Catherine Alfandre, Vice Chair; Elliot Leonard; Vivian Hardison; and Katherine Reed, Alternate

ABSENT: Steven Hume, Secretary; Stephen Corti; Sarah Cwikla; and Jamie Weinstein, Alternate

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Dori Wollen called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.
2. **INLAND WETLANDS APPLICATIONS:**
 - A. I/W Permit App. #16-506, 133 Center Road—Albert Lello, Owner/Applicant. Install in-ground pool, fence, shed, and pool equipment. Received 4/12/16+65=6/16/16
Mr. Lello was not present. Awaiting an updated plan as well as an additional fee for the pool shed.
 - B. I/W Permit App. #16-507, North Side of Adirondack Trail—17 Adirondack LLC c/o Harold Rosnick and Joseph Daniel Birarelli. Three-lot subdivision. Received 4/12/16+65=6/16/16. Mark Ochman of Ochman Associates reviewed the updated plan, consisting of several maps, with the first, stamped received in office May 2, 2016, entitled, "Subdivision Map Prepared for 17 Adirondack, LLC; Adirondack Trail; Easton, Connecticut; February 1, 2016", with a revision date of April 18, 2016. Although Mr. Ochman explained the plan at the April 26, 2016 meeting (as noted in 4/26/16 Minutes), he restated that several items were moved farther away from wetlands. Dori Wollen advised Mr. Ochman that the Commission will wait to make a decision until at least the next meeting. Cathy Alfandre noted that she would like to see extra demarcation on the north side of Lot A. The Members asked Mr. Ochman to stake the house, detention pond/rain garden, and driveway.
 - C. I/W Permit App. #16-508, 235 Silver Hill Road—Jay and Alicia Young, Owners. Install 20'x40' in-ground pool w/4' walkway/apron, 12'x16' pool house (correction made to size). Received 4/24/16+65=6/30/16. Owner/Applicant Jay Young was present. The Members discussed the permit application; satisfied, Catherine Alfandre made a motion to approve Permit App. #16-508, with standard stipulations, as shown on the map stamped received April 21, 2016, entitled, "Site Plan Showing Proposed Pool; Prepared

for; Jonathan & Alicia Young; #235 Silver Hill Road; Easton, Connecticut; April 15, 2016", and Elliot Leonard seconded. Motion passed.

- D. I/W Permit App. #16-509, 156 Morehouse Road—Aleksandra Moch, Agent. Excavate a pond w/in wetlands; install plantings and remove invasive species. Received 5/10/16+65=7/14/16. Aleksandra Moch of Stamford, agent for the owner, presented the permit application to the Commission. Dori Wollen requested that Ms. Moch show the entire river (crossing the property) on the plan. The Members asked several questions, and then requested that Ms. Moch stake to edge of pond in preparation of a site walk. Ms. Moch said that she would stake the originally-requested pond, as well as the larger-sized pond that the homeowners now want.
- E. I/W Permit App. #16-510, 25 Carriage Drive; ATF—Robert Klem, Owner. Install 12'x16' shed. Received 5/10/16+65=7/14/16. As the homeowner was not present, the Commission received the application and will discuss at a later date.

3. SITE WALK(S):

- A. Adirondack Trail after additional staking
- B. 156 Morehouse 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—expiration date of extended permit: June 20, 2017
- G. V #15-168, Notice of Violation at 123 Center Road—**Lello Properties, LLC**, issued 5/18/15. Mr. Lello was granted Permit #15-495 to correct the violation. Lifting of this violation is subject to project completion and WEO approval. Phillip Doremus, WEO visited the property, and said that he will revisit later in the spring.
- I. Warning sent by Wetlands Enforcement Officer Phillip Doremus re activity at 77 South Park Avenue
- J. V#15-170, Notice of Violation at 80 and 90 Redding Road—Arvid A. Brandstrom, issued 10/21/15. On May 3, Chair Dori Wollen met with First Selectman Adam

Dunsby, outlining the violations/fine process pursuant to the Ordinance as recorded under Chapter 325 of the Codes of the Town of Easton. Further, the discussion turned to the violation notice at 80 Redding Road. Following the meeting, Dori Wollen issued a letter to the homeowner, informing him of the Commission's ability to issue a fine, not exceeding \$1,000 for each offense, with each day being counted as a separate offense, referring to the relevant Ordinance. On May 9, 2016, after speaking on the phone with Wetlands Enforcement Officer Phillip Doremus, Steve Stevens of Land Engineering & Surveying LLC of Bridgeport, CT, a contractor for Mr. Brandstrom, emailed Mr. Doremus to thank him for the extension until the May 24th meeting; Mr. Doremus did not grant an extension, but rather told Mr. Stevens the date of the next meeting. With this said, Mr. Stevens said that the field work has been completed, but that he needed additional time to finish the plans, which he intends to bring to Commission's the May 24, 2016 meeting.

- K. V#15-171, Notice of Violation at 21 Hall Road—Stuart M. Allen, issued by WEO 12/1/15. A letter was sent out on March 16, 2016 advising that Phillip Doremus, WEO will visit the site to ensure the area is stable. If the area is deemed stable, the Commission may lift the violation. The Members asked that Phillip Doremus visit the site.
- L. V#15-172, Notice of Violation at 60 Weathervane Drive—Elaine R. Evans, issued by WEO 12/1/15. Although the Members voted to lift the violation at their January 26, 2016 meeting, the lift is contingent upon WEO approval. Phillip Doremus will visit the property in the spring. The Members asked that Phillip Doremus visit the site.
- M. As of Right #15-503, Amerakon Partners LLC—Robert Maquat. Motion was made by Catherine Alfandre to add the item to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Vivian Hardison; motion passed. Robert Maquat was present with Tim Brady to update the Members, stating that their aim was to stabilize the disturbed area and continue with the as-of-right work. Dori Wollen noted that the silt fencing was still missing on the left side of the pond. Mr. Maquat responded that there is sufficient gradient and stones, but said he could put up the additional silt fence. Mr. Maquat continued, assuring the Members that he and Mr. Brady are following best practices and that he will keep the Members updated.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion re three new signs at Paine O/S—Dori Wollen noted that she visited the Paine main entrance kiosk and believes that the carved map is sufficient; there is no need to replace it with a large laminated map. Instead, the existing small map will be changed, showing the new trails. As far as the kiosk itself, the roof is in need of repair, and Mrs. Wollen said that Phil Doremus suggested asphalt shingles for the roof for their durability and cost-effectiveness.

The Members feel that additional signs might be useful where Paine connects with Nash Open Space as well as at the Carriage Drive entrance. Further thought needs to go into determining the most effective placement of signage.

6. REVIEW FOR REPORT TO PLANNING & ZONING:

- A. Comments re 17 Adirondack LLC—The Commission will hold their comment until the May 26, 2016 meeting.

7. CONSERVATION PROJECTS:

- A. Article for Easton Courier re Paine Open Space written by Steve Hume—The Members, finding Steve Hume's article interesting and thorough, agreed that Dori Wollen should forward it to the Easton Courier for publication.
- B. Open Space Plan—Dori Wollen has nearly completed this project, and continues to work to “match up” Aspetuck Land Trust acreage with what the Town has on record.
- C. Sign for Morehouse Open Space—Dori Wollen asked the Commission's office secretary, Krista Kot, if there has been any word from Steve Edwards about the sign. Mrs. Kot reported that she has received no updates lately and would email Mr. Edwards forthwith.

8. OPEN-SPACE ISSUES:

9. WEO COMMUNICATIONS: Ongoing

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. 2016 Municipal I/W Agency Training w/voucher—Duly noted.
- B. CT DEEP Permit Application for Use of Pesticides in State Waters for 5 Staples Road—Duly noted.

11. MISCELLANEOUS: N/A

12. APPROVE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:

- A. Minutes—Elliot Leonard made a motion to approve the Minutes from the April 26, 2016 meeting, as submitted, and Vivian Hardison seconded. Motion passed.

13. ADJOURNMENT: At approximately 9:15 p.m. Catherine Alfandre made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Vivian Hardison seconded. Motion passed.

PREPARED and FILED
By Krista Kot, Secretary
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