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CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
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**MEETING MINUTES**  
July 18, 2011

*Please note some items may have been taken out of agenda order.*

Minutes of the Uxbridge Conservation Commission regular meeting held on **Monday, July 18, 2011**, at 7:00 P.M. in the **Board of Selectmen's Room, Uxbridge Town Hall, 21 South Main Street, Uxbridge, MA:**

**Conservation Commission Board Members Present:** Russell Holden, Larry Lench, Dave Lewcon and Michael Potaski

**Conservation Commission Board Members Absent:** Tracy Tibedo

**Others Present:** Donna C. Hardy, Conservation Commission Administrative Assistant

It being 7:00 pm, the meeting being properly posted, duly called and a quorum being present, Chairman Holden called the meeting to order.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Public Hearings:**

**DEP #312-927, NOI, Forest Glen Estates, Inc., 0 & 404 Douglas Street (Map 23, Lots 3829, 4435 & 4793)** – Construction of a 44 unit age-restricted residential development, including the construction of roads, drives, dwelling units, utilities & grading. Mr. Stephen O'Connell with Andrews Survey & Engineering was present. A site walk visit was conducted on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Following discussion, **MOTION** by Commissioner Potaski to close the Public Hearing for **DEP #312-927, NOI, Forest Glen Estates, Inc., 0 & 404 Douglas Street** and to issue a standard Order of Conditions. Seconded by Commissioner Lench, the motion carried unanimously.

**DEP #312-916, Amendment to Order of Conditions, Triumvirate Environmental, Inc., 146 Mendon Street (Map 19, Parcel 3621)** - The proponent requests an Amendment to the Order of Conditions to drain the portion of the Blackstone Canal allowing no addition to groundwater volumes and pressures during the period that the excavation of petroleum contaminated soils on the property. Mr. Nicholas Deane, applicant and re-developer of the Stanley Woolen Mill, Mr. Paul Connors and Mr. Ross Hartman with Triumvirate Environmental, Inc. were all present. A site walk visit was conducted on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hartman sent an email on July 17<sup>th</sup> and explained the proposal at the meeting. The applicant has proposed an alternative approach to isolate and drain a much smaller portion of the canal. The initial request came as a precautionary measure of dealing with head pressure in the canal while soil excavation activities occur along the towpath. Current conditions included the following: 1) Canal is approximately 25' wide at canal base and 35' wide at top of canal. 2) Currently about 3'10" of standing water in the canal. 3) Furthest extent of soil excavation activities will occur at approximately 125' (not 200' per email) from the opening of the sluice way.

The alternative approach would be to immediately install super sack sand bags across the canal on the up gradient side of the excavation. The bags will be placed across the canal to act as a coffer dam. The super sack sand bags are 1 cubic yard bags and will be filled with sand on-site. The bags will be placed into the canal with a 50-ton crane on the east side of the canal. The super sack sand bags will be stacked two (2) rows high to ensure a head wall is high enough to prevent water from flowing over the top of the bags. Once the bags are in place, the sluice gate will be opened to lower the water from the down gradient side of the bags. The applicant's goal is to open the gate and allow water to drain as quickly as possible to flush fish with water. As water is lowered, continuous inspections will be conducted for fish and other wildlife. Wildlife will be netted and relocated. Excavation activities will commence and will last 4-5 days. Upon completion of the excavation along the tow path, the gate will be closed and the water will be allowed to equalize on both sides of the sand bags. The bags will be removed with the 50-ton crane. Following discussion, **MOTION** by Commissioner Potaski to close the Public Hearing for **DEP #312-916, Amendment to Order of Conditions, Triumvirate Environmental, Inc., 146 Mendon Street**, to issue an Amendment to the Order of Conditions and to include four (4) Special Conditions: 1) An individual will be assigned to remove fish, turtles or other wildlife from the dewatered canal. 2) Down gradient from fifty (50) yards of sand will be a silt fence and hay bales to prevent sedimentation from the River. 3) Either Mr. Nicholas Deane (owner of property) or Mr. Paul Connors (Business Development Manager – Engineering Services with Triumvirate Environmental) will be on site during the 4-5 days of excavation activities. 4) No refueling of vehicles within 200' of riverfront and 100' of canal. Seconded by Commissioner Lewcon, the motion carried unanimously.

**Violations/Potential Violations:**

**89 Johnson Road (Map 48, Parcel 1426)** – No new information, discussions shall continue to the next scheduled meeting.

**Other:**

**Uxbridge Wetlands Bylaw** – No new information, discussions shall continue to the next scheduled meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Public Hearings ~ none**

**Violations/Potential Violations ~ none**

**MINUTES. MOTION** by Commissioner Lench to approve the Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes dated July 5, 2011 as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Potaski, the motion carried unanimously.

**Other:**

**DEP #312-842, Vecchione, 189 Mendon St (Map 19, Parcel 3753)** – Ms. Hardy contacted Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MA-DEP) for assistance. MA-DEP informed that no new material (or net fill) is allowed to be brought into the property. Material or fill can be removed from the site; however no new material (or net fill) is allowed to be brought back in.

Commissioner Potaski left the meeting to attend the Board of Selectmen's meeting.

**Charter update** – Chairman Holden was invited to the Charter Review Committee, however was unable to attend. Commissioner Potaski was able to attend. The one suggestion Chairman Holden had

concerning the Charter update was that the Charter Review policy may need to be changed, suggesting that the agendas be posted electronically, too.

**Administrative Assistant schedule** – The Planning Board and Conservation Commission office hours have changed, due to the Administrative Assistant going from full-time to part-time hours. The Conservation Commission office hours that are now available are: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm and Wednesday 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm, however the hours are subject to change. Ms. Hardy also advised to the Commission that there are a limited amount of overtime hours available for the Conservation Commission meetings. Ms. Hardy's presence will need to be determined by the Chairman prior to the meeting.

**Pout Pond/Legg Farm** – Commissioner Lewcon explained to the audience why e-coli testing is needed at Pout Pond. Recently, there was an issue with the septic systems for both bathrooms at the pond. Mr. Paul Morante, Uxbridge DPW Supervisor came to the pond to locate the septic systems. Mr. Jim Darling came to the pond to pump the septic systems. It appears that there are roots attached to the septic system. A suggestion ~~may be~~ was to cut the roots, ~~and~~ blocking the flow and may connect both septic systems (both restrooms) together.

Additional discussions included, parking fee admittance to the Pond begun over the weekend. The monies received by this collection are a form of gratitude for the services the Conservation Commission provides to Pout Pond (including providing money towards weed control, maintenance, repairs, etc.). A survey was included in the parking fee admittance, which included inquiring what other improvements can be done at the pond. Several individuals suggested swimming lessons at the pond. Commissioner Lewcon has begun researching this request. It is possible to have swimming lessons done; however the individual that is teaching the lessons may need to have liability insurance to cover them and the town in full. Commissioner Lewcon will continue to research this request. An additional funding suggestion is to have dry camping available at the pond. There is an area that Commissioner Lewcon believes is more than 100' away from the wetlands (measurements shall be taken) for the campers to be placed. If the measurements are less than 100' away from the wetlands, a Request for Determination of Applicability application will be needed.

Following discussion, **MOTION** by Commissioner Lewcon to accept dry camping outside 100' of wetlands of the property with using the Special Use form, however the Commission will be able to cancel the dry camping at any time. Seconded by Commissioner Lench, the motion carried unanimously.

Recently, the Uxbridge Police Department was notified of an individual that was leaving the pond at 1:00AM. The Commission agreed that the pond has a sign clearly posted "Pout Pond is open dawn to dusk. No trespassing after dark". Commissioner Lewcon will contact the Police Department to discuss.

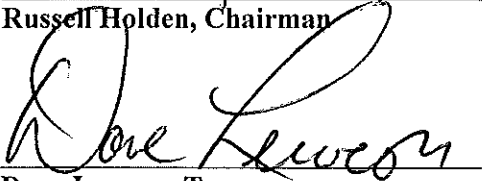
**MOTION** by Commissioner Lench to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 P.M. Seconded by Commissioner Lewcon, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Donna C. Hardy, Conservation Commission Administrative Assistant.

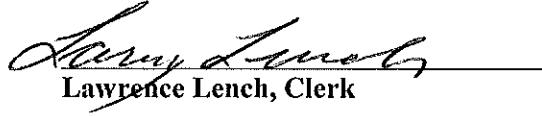


Russell Holden, Chairman

Vice-Chair (vacant)



Dave Lewcon, Treasurer



Lawrence Lench, Clerk

Michael Potaski, Member



Tracy Tibedo, Member

8/1/2011  
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