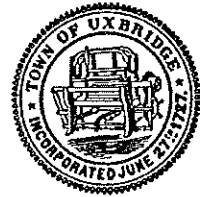


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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 1, 2012

in the Board of Selectmen's Room, Uxbridge Town Hall, 21 South Main Street, Uxbridge, MA

7:00-9:28

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

Conservation Commission Present: Russell Holden, Chairman, Michael Potaski, Dave Lewcon, Lawrence Lench, and Jennifer Steel, Administrator

Conservation Commission Absent: Tracy Tibedo

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

Announcement: Mike Potaski announced that on 10/25/12 at 6:30 there would be an information session / public hearing at senior center regarding renewal of Uxbridge's Waste Water Treatment Plant permit.

OLD BUSINESS

- **DEP #312-xxx, NOI, Bedrock Crossing, LLC at 79 River Road (Map 45, Parcel 1345)**
 - **Applicant:** Jason Tetrault, **Engineer:** Andrews Survey
 - **Proposal:** Install piping for roadway drainage.
 - **Update:** Not permittable until DEP issues a file number. Applicant is seeking continuation.
 - **Motion:** Continue hearing until 10/15/12 (Moved: Mike Potaski, Second: Dave Lewcon)
 - **Vote:** Unanimous.
- **DEP #312-941, NOI, on an existing right-of-way in the Town of Uxbridge.**
 - **Applicant:** New England Power Company, **Engineer:** BSC
 - **Proposal:** Construct, reconstruct, operate & maintain new overhead power lines, roads, and pads public utilities.
 - **Update:** Applicant is awaiting plans from Natural Heritage.
 - **Motion:** Continue hearing until date uncertain. (Moved: Mike Potaski, Second: Dave Lewcon)
 - **Vote:** Unanimous.
- **Uxbridge Wetlands Bylaw**
 - **Motion:** Continue hearing until 10/15/12. (Moved: Mike Potaski, Second: Dave Lewcon)
 - **Vote:** Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

- **DEP #312-944, ANRAD, off Albee Rd (Map 41, Parcels 1827, 1832, 1858, 1876, 1895, 1941, 1977)**
 - **Applicant:** Hill Financial Company, Inc., **Engineer:** Goddard Consulting, LLC
 - **Proposal:** To obtain approval of the wetland boundaries.
 - **Update:** Jennifer Steel and Russell Holden walked the entire wetland line with Scott Goddard on 9/24/12. A few flags were moved and added. Said alterations are due to appear on a revised plan.

- **Public Comment:** Jill Kenrick, of the Historic Cemetery Committee, noted a June 2010 Planning Board discussion in which the developer agreed to put in metes and bounds of adjacent cemetery on the development plans and preserve a buffer zone and a 15' right-of-way for access to the cemetery. Ms. Kenrick asked the Commission to be sure to protect the cemetery from any potentially damaging changes in drainage.
- **Motion:** Table discussion until later in the meeting since no representative is present (Moved: Mike Potaski; Second: Dave Lewcon).
- **Vote:** Unanimous
- **RDA FY13-04, 21 Moorland Drive (Map 12B, Parcel 4748)**
 - **Applicant:** Thomas Knox, **Engineer:** None.
 - **Proposal:** To install a 24-foot diameter above-ground pool and an 11-foot deck on the side of the pool (all behind the house on existing lawn).
 - **Update:** Jennifer Steel, Michael Potaski, and Russell Holden conducted a site visit on 9/24/12. Wetlands were not flagged or survey located on a plan. BVW was within about 15 feet of the edge of existing lawn and so within about 20 feet of the proposed pool.
 - **Presentation, Sarah Knox**
 - Free-standing 14' x 14' deck will be constructed on deck blocks and 6 12"-sonotubes 30-48" deep, over existing lawn, by owner, in fall or early spring
 - Owner will remove sod with a bobcat and bring in 5 tons of sand for the base of the pool
 - There will be no fencing, no pool shed. No other land alteration or grading will occur.
 - Lawn will be restored around pool.
 - Owner will not undertake annual draining, will shock the pool in the beginning of the season.
 - **Jurisdiction**
 - **In an Area Subject to Protection:** Buffer zone to a BVW
 - **An Activity:** Grading and laying base for pool. Sonotubes for footings. Not exempt.
 - **Will Alter the Condition:** No alteration to BVW is anticipated.
 - **Pertinent Regulations**
 - Permittable with a Neg 3 DoA or an OOC.
 - **Proposed Special Conditions:**
 - Owner shall install staked straw-wattles or toed-in sediment fence on periphery of lawn on entire south side and 15' of west side.
 - Owner shall schedule a pre-construction site visit after sediment barrier is installed, prior to any land disturbing activities.
 - All soil removed from sonotube holes will be immediately moved up-gradient away from wetland (e.g., near cul-de-sac), i.e., not stockpiled in the back yard area.
 - There shall never be any direct discharge of chlorinated water to the wetland.
 - **Motion:** Close hearing and issue Negative 3 DoA. (Moved: Mike Potaski, Second: Larry Lench)
 - **Vote:** Unanimous.

Violations/Potential Violations

- 7 Dutch Hill Rd. (180 Williams St.), Brian vanderZicht. EO required restoration plan by May, 2012. Mr. vanderZicht recently emailed, asking for a site visit. SV was planned for Tuesday 10/02/12 (arrive 9:30).

Minutes

- August 6th 2012 Meeting Minutes (signed)
- August 20th 2012 Meeting Minutes
 - **Motion:** Moved to accept minutes as amended (Moved: Mike Potaski, Second: Dave Lewcon)
 - **Vote:** Unanimous with one abstention.
- September 17th, 2012 Meeting Minutes

- Motion: Moved to accept minutes as amended (Moved: Mike Potaski, Second: Dave Lewcon)
- Vote: Unanimous.
- September 4th 2012 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion: Moved to continue to meeting of 10/15/12 (Moved: Mike Potaski, Second: Dave Lewcon)
 - Vote: Unanimous.

RETURN TO NEW BUSINESS

- DEP #312-944, ANRAD, off Albee Rd (Map 41, Parcels 1827, 1832, 1858, 1876, 1895, 1941, 1977)
 - Applicant: Hill Financial Company, Inc., Engineer: Goddard Consulting, LLC
 - Proposal: To obtain approval of the wetland boundaries.
 - Motion: Continue hearing until 10/15/12, no representative appeared (Moved: Larry Lench; Second: Mike Potaski)
 - Vote: Unanimous

Processing

- Recent site visits
 - Lee Reservoir: Pre-construction site visit was illustrative and reassuring.
 - 21 Moorland: Pre-meeting site visit.
 - 170 Hecla: Enforcement Order monitoring site visit. Jennifer Steel will send a letter asking to confirm boundary markers 25 feet from pond and a revised O&M plan.
 - 6 Long Meadow: Pre-construction site visit showed poorly installed sediment fence and no new plans indicating revised wetland line. Jennifer Steel has followed up with the engineer and will check the site again.
 - 159 Albee Rd, complaint of flooding in two places: Site visit showed no clear violation close to the house, but significant sediment accumulation from culvert at Arapahoe Dr. Jennifer Steel will research ownership and address the issue with a letter of violation.
 - 31 Rogerson Crossing: Owner, Brian Burt, sought building permit for 3-season porch, was sent to Conservation, Jennifer Steel and Russell Holden conducted a site visit and found numerous unpermitted activities on site. Jennifer Steel will issue a letter of violation requiring a NOI.
 - Down East subdivision, East St.: Site visit taken based on a complaint. It was noted that (1) the sediment basin was recently enlarged, reshaped and hydroseeded, (2) an area due to have been outside the limit of work on "Parcel A" has been disturbed, (3) a CR was discussed for a potential vernal pool on Parcel A, (4) all permits were to be secured before any work could proceed on Parcel A, and (5) the filter fabric around the basin outfall pipe has deteriorated and the stone is undersized and insufficient quantity. Jennifer Steel will conduct research on the above items and draft a letter seeking compliance with plans and orders for Russell Holden's review and approval.
 - Mountain View Estates East Albee Rd (ANRAD): Pre-meeting site visit resulted in some changes to the wetland flags. Jennifer Steel will call Scott Goddard for an update on the revised plans.
 - 332 Douglas: A drive-by site visit office research indicated that there is no conservation jurisdiction unless and until an alteration to the intermittent stream occurs.
- Future site visits to be conducted
 - Crown and Eagle Apts, Uxbridge Housing, 99 Hartford Ave, East: Request for CoC
 - Mike Potaski recuses himself.
 - Presentation by Richard Baummer, Nobis Engineering: OOC was for replacing culvert (filled old culvert, installed new 24" drain pipe). Some changes to the approved plan were installed, including additional catch basin that is tied into the central deep sump catch basin.
 - A site visit was scheduled for Tuesday 10/09/12 at 10:00
 - 7 Dutch Hill Rd (violation): A site visit was scheduled for Tuesday 10/02/12 at 9:30

- 312-841, Pout Pond boardwalk needs a COC: Jennifer Steel will pull the file and gather the paperwork, Dave Lewcon will conduct a site visit.
- Blackstone River Greenway (Rail trail) NOI application: A site visit was scheduled for Tuesday 10/02/12 at 10:15.
- Peaceful Pond, Pout Pond & Legg Farm
 - Pout Pond
 - Volunteers are opening and closing gate daily; will do so through Columbus Day Weekend.
 - Thanks are due to Elemental Turf Management of Uxbridge for help with the lawn, and to Bellingham Electric which donated a beautiful refrigerator.
 - Friends of Pout Pond will meet 10/3/12. The 8-9 members are planning for next year, researching other towns' programs, discussing the possibility of merging swimming lessons with Mendon, etc.
 - Legg Farm
 - There is a fair amount of ATV and dirt bike traffic. The CR (held by DCR) says motorized vehicles are prohibited. Dave Lewcon will look into funding for Legg Farm monitoring.
 - American Chestnut Tree Association has hardware in the old chestnut orchard that needs to be cleaned-up. Now only Chinese chestnuts are growing in a field that will need mowing.
 - Cottage has been getting repairs.
 - Proposed rental contract was discussed.
 - **Motion:** Approve draft rental agreement as amended by Russ Holden and formatted by Jennifer Steel and forward to the Town Manager for his review, approval and action. (Moved: Larry Lench; Second: Dave Lewcon)
 - **Vote:** Unanimous
- Any other business which may lawfully come before the Conservation Commission.
 - Lenze America's request for volunteer opportunities – Russell Holden has a google.doc of needed projects. It was passed on to Lenze for a spring volunteer day
 - Worcester County Sheriff, Lew Evangelitis, has prisoners who can do work projects.

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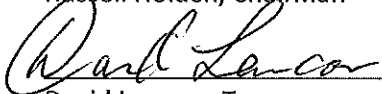
- **Motion:** Adjourn at 9:28 (Moved: Larry Lench, Seconded: Mike Potaski)
- **Vote:** Unanimous

Respectfully submitted by Ms. Jennifer Steel, Conservation Agent



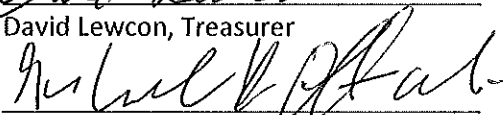
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 Vice-Chair (vacant)



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 Lawrence Lench, Clerk



 Michael Potaski, Member



 Tracy Tibeo, Member

 11/5/12 Date