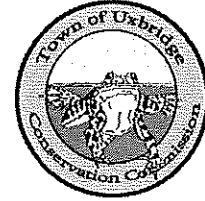




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**Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 19, 2016
Board of Selectman's Room, Uxbridge Town Hall**

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

Present: Chair Jim Hogan, Vice Chair Andrew Gorman, Treasurer Jeff Shaw, Clerk Lauren Steele, Members Dale Bangma and Russel Holden, Conservation Agent Melissa Dillon

Absent: Member Pat Hannon

It being 6:30 pm, the meeting being properly posted, duly called and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Chair.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD)**, Crownsheild Avenue, Hyde Park Circle, Tea Party Drive (Map 29, Parcels 3126, 3117, 3053, 3084, 2965, 3866, 3099, 3987, 3895, 3825, 4682, 3162, 696, 4693, 4745, 4858, 4829, 4884)
Applicant: Rick Terrill, Uxbridge Multi Family
Project Description: Request to verify the wetland delineations are correct at the listed parcels.
Representative: Goddard Consulting LLC
 - o **Discussion:** The commission received a request to continue the public hearing until the next regularly scheduled meeting because the 3rd party engineer has not reviewed the site yet. Mr. Hauck, an abutter, 102 Crownsheild, attended and expressed the following concerns: The ANRAD plot plan submitted does not match the current conditions; the placement of new foundations near lot 9C; the use of jurisdictional areas for equipment performing work; silt fences down and exposed unstable soils. The commission decided to request an updated plan.
 - o **MOTION I:** Mr. Holden, moved to request a more detailed plan that includes the drainage under Crownsheild, Queen of Roses Lane and the existing and proposed structures off Hyde Park Circle. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 5-0-1. Ms. Steele abstained.
 - o **MOTION II:** I, Mr. Gorman, moved to continue the ANRAD until the next regularly scheduled Conservation Commission meeting on January 3rd. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 5-0-1. Ms. Steele abstained

2. **Notice of Intent (NOI)**, 187 West River Road (Map 13, Parcel 2453)
Applicant: Sandra J. Anderson
Project Description: Construction of a 24'x24' addition to an existing single family house within the buffer zone of a BVW with associated grading and utilities.
Representative: Heritage Design Group
 - o **Discussion:** The commission received a request to continue the public hearing until the next regularly scheduled meeting because not all certified mail green cards been returned ensuring all abutters received notification. The site visit went well and the plan has been updated to include the swale and marked area not to be mowed.
 - o **MOTION:** I, Mr. Gorman, move to continue the NOI until the next regularly scheduled Conservation Commission meeting on January 3rd. Seconded by Mr. Holden, the motion carried 6-0-0.

WETLAND UPDATES/ISSUES

1. Mountainview Lot – 4
 - o Ms. Dillon informed the commission of the responses she received from Goddard: they will not have an as built plan for the road until they request a Certificate of Completion (COC), they will provide paperwork of where they put the sediment from the basin and they indicated don't need a Storm Water Pollution Protection Plan (SWPPP) because they are under the disturbance level. The commission first asked for the as built a little less than a year ago to have Graves Engineering review it for opportunities to correct the flow over Albee Road. There are 4 open NOI's for the site 3 house lots and 1 for the road. The commission discussed and

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agreed the SWPPP stays in place until Order of Conditions is complete and a COC is issued. Ms. Dillon will confirm with DEP and inform Goddard.

REPORTED/ONGOING VIOLATIONS

1. 183 River Road

- A Solar Company is placing heavy equipment (racks, poles, etc.) on resource areas. Additionally, loaders and forklifts used to move this equipment have caused some issues on River Road (dirt road). Another problem identified was plowed snow being placed in a resource area. The commission members also discussed concerns of a fuel tanker truck being kept on site. The commission reviewed a letter Ms. Dillon drafted to the company regarding the violations which will be sent to the site, the solar company owner and the owner of 177 which is the same as 183 River Road.

MOTION I: I, Mr. Gorman, move to send the letter updated to include the resource areas. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 6-0-0.

MOTION II: I, Mr. Shaw, move to send a letter to 183 River Road requesting an update on restoration and reminder to not use the assigned restoration areas for snow stockpiles. Seconded by Mr. Holden, motion the carried 6-0-0.

2. Crownsheild (Hyde Park)

- Nothing new added to the previous discussions

3. 142 South Street

- Mr. Gorman recommended sending a letter to the property owner's informing him that there are reports of ongoing dumping and addressing his objections which were as follows: a) he was outside the 100' buffer zone – there is actually a 200' buffer zone because DEP identifies the stream as a perennial water course; b) he was under agricultural exemptions but he didn't state what they were and c) land disturbances were due in part to the removal of an existing iron foundry – historic aerial image disqualify. Mr. Hogan agreed to send the letter but recommended also submitting the police report stating there have been reports of illegal dumping and provide them with the license plate provided. Members agreed DEP involvement is necessary.
- **MOTION: Mr. Gorman moved to send the letter to 142 South St. as written. Seconded by Ms. Steele, the motion carried 6-0-0.**
- **MOTION: Mr. Shaw moved that Ms. Dillon file police report for suspected activity. Seconded by Mr. Holden, the motion carried 6-0-0.**

4. 9 Balm of Life Spring Road

- Commission members discussed the status of the property in regards to ownership, taxes and how to move forward. Since 2012 there has been no response from the land owner to either the assessor's office or to the conservation commission's attempts to get mail to them. Mr. Gorman indicated one option would be to subpoena the post office for a forwarding address. Mr. Hogan will reach out to town council to see what's involved to issue it as abandoned property and/or get access to get DEP on site.

5. 836 Aldrich

- Ms. Dillon should be getting a new progress report this week.

PROCESSING

1. 12/5 Meeting Minutes Review

- **MOTION: I, Mr. Gorman, move to approve the minutes from the 12/5/16 amended with correct spelling of Ms. Steele's name. Seconded by Mr. Holden the motion carried 4-0-2.**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

1. Wetlands Setback Policy – to be continued

- #### 2. Pipeline opposition letter opportunity – The commission members discussed whether sign a letter in support of Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commission (MACC) plea to the governor to end support for a new pipeline.

MOTION: I, Mr. Holden moved that the Conservation Commission sign the letter in support of MACCs initiative to urge the governor to end support for new interstate gas pipeline as per the letter. Ms. Steele seconded, the motion failed 3-3-0.

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3. Storm Water Pollution Protection Plans: Mr. Gorman brought up local enforcement of SWPPP and requested the commissions consider adding related language to our standard order of conditions. Ms. Dillon will put something together for the commission to review at the next meeting.

MOTION: I, Mr. Gorman, move that we adjourn the conservation commission meeting of December 19, 2016. Seconded by Shaw, the motion carried 6-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT—NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY JANUARY 3RD, 2017

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Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Shelley

Jim Hogan, Chairman

Patrick Hannon, Member

Andrew Gorman

Andrew Gorman, Vice Chair

Russell Holden, Member

Lauren Steele

Lauren Steele, Clerk

Dale Bangma

Dale Bangma, Member

Jeffrey Shaw

Jeffrey Shaw, Treasurer

January 3, 2017

Date