

Town of Uxbridge
Conservation Commission
21 South Main Street
Uxbridge, Massachusetts, 01569
508-278-8600, x 2013 and x 2020



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Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, April 16, 2013
7:00 - 9:30 PM

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*Board of Selectmen's Room, Uxbridge Town Hall, 21 South Main Street, Uxbridge, MA
Please note some items may have been taken out of agenda order.*

Conservation Com. Present: Russell Holden (Chair), Larry Lench, Dave Lewcon
Conservation Commission Absent: Tracy Tibedo, Mike Potaski
Commission Staff Absent: Jennifer Steel, Conservation Agent

ACTIVE WETLAND CASES

1. **NOI 312-953, 20 Brown Bear Crossing (Map 14, Parcel 553)**
 - A. **Applicant:** Ross Smith. **Engineer:**
 - B. **Proposal:** Single family home and associated site work.
2. **NOI 312-954, 30 Brown Bear Crossing (Map 14, Parcel 585)**
 - A. **Applicant:** Ross Smith. **Engineer:**
 - B. **Proposal:** Single family home and associated site work.
 - C. **Protocol:**
 - (1) The two hearings for Brown Bear Crossing were considered together.
 - (2) Dave Lewcon recused himself.
 - (3) At the applicant's wishes the remaining 2 members listened to the presentation with the caveat that the Commission could not move forward with a motion.
 - D. **Presentations:**
 - (4) Ross Smith, owner of property since 1994. It was a working (alpaca) farm since 1994. Planning Board plan approved 2004. Road was put in 2005.
 - (5) Norman Gamache, Guerriere and Halnon. 280 square feet of wetlands fill. Replication area will be approximately twice the area of the disturbance.
 - (6) Matt Lynch – abutter at lot 4 presented his support of the project.
 - E. **Discussion:**
 - (7) #20 Brown Bear Crossing (lot 2)
 - (a) Commission noted concern about possible incursion into wetland with wood chips.
 - (b) Conservation signs will need to be anchored.
 - (c) Commission will not allow hay bales; just silt fence will be required.
 - (d) Retaining wall design was noted to be unclear.
 - (8) #30 Brown Bear Crossing

- (a) Commission asked for a wetland area disturbance comparison. Applicant estimated that putting a house near the road would result in 60-70% of the disturbance as putting it in the back of the lot as proposed.
 - (b) Commission noted maintenance of crossing could require reincursion.
 - (c) Some concerns about actual limits of wetland. On site visit commissioner Holden noticed potential additional wetlands. Please reevaluate.
 - (d) Concern about the driveway diverting water from the recharge area of the wetland onsite because of grade...
 - (e) Conservation mix to be added in between the shrubs
 - (9) Dave Lewcon rejoins the meeting
 - (10) Motion to continue to 5/6/13: Moved: Larry Lench; Second Dave Lewcon, Vote: Unan.
3. RDA FY13-08, 287 N. Main Street (Map 12C, Parcel 3593)
- (1) Applicant: Uxbridge Properties, Inc. Engineer: Andrews
 - (2) Proposal: Construction of a 3200 sf. storage building (no plumbing or heat in building) and associated grading & drainage.
 - (3) Discussion: After discussion applicant will add designs for a stone dry well around the outside of the building to take runoff from the roof... Some concern about ponding area there....
 - (4) Motion to continue to 5/6/13: Moved: Larry Lench; Second Dave Lewcon, Vote: Unan.
4. RDA FY13-07, 23 Lackey Dam Rd. – update Jennifer drafted response to appeal to DEP.
5. OOC 312-947, 104 Hartford Ave., East, Larking Building – update Superseding Order denies project for lack of information and failure to meet performance standards in 3 areas of the regulations.

VIOLATIONS/POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS

6. OOC 312-938, 170 Hecla Street – update
- (1) Gary Vecchione says whole site will be silt fenced by Monday (today). Gary Vecchione issued a no trespass “order” to Jennifer Steel and Bldg Inspector.
 - (2) Abutter Elizabeth Romasco, 50 Elizabeth Street: No trespassing “order” may have been issued, but commissioners can approach from her property to observe. What happens when a lot changes from agricultural to a subdivision? Commissioner Holden comments on “project fragmentation” and notes that DEP is aware of such issues.
 - (3) Abutter Lou Fragga abuts the right of way. Notes some very deep digging below the floodplain, particularly at the entrance, where some very deep holes were dug. There seems to be removal of gravel and replacement with clay. One of the excavators is leaking hydraulic fluid. Some discussion about tire-scrubbers, drainage, and sediment.

CONSERVATION LAND

7. Pout Pond

- Event permit – There is a band that would like to perform a couple of times.
- Fishing derby on Sunday, April 21st, 9-3 pm. Pond will be stocked before then.
- Pyne Sand and Gravel will be donating gravel for DPW to level the area behind the beach house and placed wood chips adjacent under the approved RDA.
- Some frustration with the process of getting a caretaker/improvement of the cottage. Russ Holden gave an update about asking for a copy of the legal decision from town counsel about “dispositions” of land. Dave Lewcon noted that the historic commission has taken interest in the building and is considering including it in their historical district – because it used to be downtown.
- Swimming and Health permit for the summer – Russ Holden will get the permit
- Invasive weed control may be needed.

8. Land Use Regulations. Motion to approve. Moved: Larry Lench; Second Dave Lewcon, Vote: Unan.

PROCESSING

• Documents to be Considered for Signature

- **Minutes April 1, 2013** – passed over until appropriate members are present
- **Minutes March 5, 2013** – passed over until appropriate members are present
- **Minutes March 11, 2013** – passed over until appropriate members are present
- **COC for DEP File #312-827, 262 Chocolog Rd – septic repair** – passed over until site visit could be made by commissioners.
- **Bill – Legal Ads, Worcester Telegram and Gazette – \$180.26. Moved to pay: Larry Lench; Second Dave Lewcon, Vote: Unan.**

ADJOURN. Motion to adjourn: Moved: Larry Lench; Second Dave Lewcon, Vote: Unan.

Respectfully submitted, Uxbridge Conservation Commission



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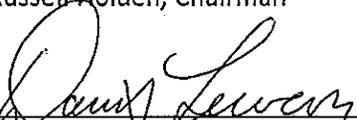
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Respectfully submitted by Ms. Jennifer Steel, Conservation Agent

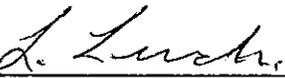


Russell Holden, Chairman

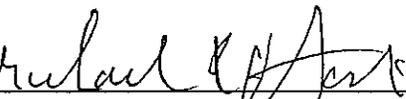
Vice-Chair (vacant)



David Lewcon, Treasurer



Lawrence Lench, Clerk



Michael Potaski, Member

Tracy Tibedo, Member

5/6/13 Date