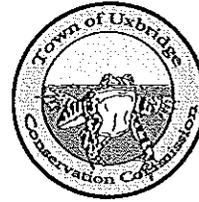


Town of Uxbridge  
 Conservation Commission  
 21 South Main Street  
 Uxbridge, Massachusetts, 01569  
 508-278-8600, x 2013 and x 2020



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Conservation Commission Minutes  
 Monday, June 17, 2013  
 7:04 - 10:43 PM

*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), Mike Potaski (MP), Dave Lewcon (DL)

**Conservation Commission Absent:** Larry Lench, Tracy Tibedo,

**Commission Staff Present:** Jennifer Steel, Conservation Agent

**ACTIVE WETLAND CASES**

**1. RDA FY13-12, 75 Locust St. (Map 49, Parcel 1558)**

- **Applicant:** Joseph Merriam. **Engineer:** Shea Engineering
- **Proposal:** Repair existing septic system in buffer zone to a wetland.
- **Motion** to table to see if applicant shows up: MP. Second: DL. Vote: Unan.
- **Motion** to issue negative Determination: MP. Second: DL. Vote: Unan.

**2. RDA FY13-11, 285 Henry St. (Map 20, Parcel 3869)**

- **Applicant:** Anne Mazar, Mendon Community Preservation Committee **Engineer:** Mike Callahan
- **Proposal:** Install flexible pond leveler to address flooding from beavers.
- **Presentation:** Pond and stream are Estimated Habitat. Pond leveler will restore pond to spillway level. Water chestnuts are being harvested, so leveler will be removed when harvester is active. Lycott must remove booms.
- **Motion** to issue a Negative Determination with conditions: (1) notification of installation, (2) submission of 2 annual monitoring reports, (3) good communications between Lycott and Beaver Solutions: DL. Second: MP. Vote: Unan.

**NOI 312-941 (continued hearing), New England Power/National Grid Right of Way**

- **Applicant:** New England Power Company. **Engineer:** Lee Curtis, BSC Group, Inc.
- **Proposal:** Construct, reconstruct, operate & maintain new overhead power lines, roads and pads public utilities.
- **Presentation:** Last before the Con Com in January. The only outstanding concern was getting the Conservation and Management Plan (CMP) from NHESP. Its main component is wood turtle habitat: two areas, monitoring, training inspectors and contractors, exclosures, spanning an intermittent stream, can't work during active turtle season (but for restoration), nesting areas around the stream to be created and maintained. Marbled salamander habitat will be getting some improvements. Only change to plans was removing 170 sf temporary BVW alterations. Have received or anticipate receiving other necessary permits:
  - BVW – 7450 sf of "conversion"
  - BLSF – large changes and large compensatory storage area proposed
  - RFA – 149,856 sf alteration
  - VP – lots of alteration to canopy
  - Rare spp – big changes in their habitat, lots of mitigation
- **Jurisdiction:** Limited Project 10.53(3)(d) may be permitted, in accordance with the following general conditions and any additional conditions deemed necessary by the issuing authority: a reasonable

alternative route, and best available measures to minimize adverse effects during construction, surface vegetation and contours of the area shall be substantially restored.

- **Discussion:**
  - Full-time site-monitors will share their reports
  - Peer review not appropriate at this time
  - Wetland impacts seemed fine (Russ)
  - Rough Uxbridge-specific timeline could be provided after contractor is selected
  - Site visit will go to turtle habitat – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 1-3:30, meet at UHS paved access to new town well.
- **Decisions:**
  - **Motion** to continue hearing to July 1: MP, Second: DL, Vote: Unan.
  - JMS will draft conditions for review and consideration.

#### **COC request for 312-649 (2001), 287 N. Main St., Hellen Fuels, Uxbridge Properties**

- Previously disturbed, previously culverted and channelized.
- **Motion** to issue complete COC: MP, Second: DL, Vote: Unan.

#### **VIOLATIONS/POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS**

**3.217 River Rd.** – letter returned “undeliverable”, hand-delivered. Received a call. JS will follow-up

**4.79 River Rd.** – drainage work being done – no word from the owners – JS will try again to get in touch Steve O’Connell.

#### **WETLAND ISSUES**

#### **CONSERVATION LAND**

**5. Conservation Restriction associated with High School** – The process continues to move along. UHS had a CMP and a requirement for a CR. BOS is moving forward on this. Town is grantor; Town has asked Metacomet Land Trust to be holder. MP noted that the parcel needs metes and bounds.

#### **6. Pout Pond**

- Snack Shack – First Night Committee has been offered it.
- Motion to accept list of responsibilities for 16 high school volunteers: DL, Second: MP, Vote: Unan
- Bathrooms – attended to by 1 senior work-off person and work camper.
- Trash – DPW pick up 1x/week or 2x/week.
- Gravel delivered for work camper site.
- Septic tank cover broke -- Pumped the tanks. Had to get a new septic tank cover manufactured for \$200.
- Boys’ sink fell off wall, fixed both bathrooms, installed shut offs, secured stink pipe – all for a season pass?
- Want auto-shutoff spigots for sinks – Motion to purchase and install such devices not to exceed \$200 from the Pout Pond revolving fund: MP, Second: DL, Vote: Unan.
- Work campers (Joyce and Rick Smith) have done lots of volunteer work already – CORI checked, met Police, getting IDs.
- Draft Pout Pond Beach Rules reviewed. Motion to approve as official operations of Pout Pond as amended: MP, Second: DL, Vote: Unan.
- Season passes/stickers will be sold on Saturday – Sticker holders must sign saying they have read the rules.
- Numbered day pass tickets will be sold
- Swim lesson sign up will start on Sat 10-2. Sessions will start July 8 (contact: Facebook.com/Pout Pond or PoutPond@ Charter.net).
- Faith Fellowship Sunday in Service on Sunday. They will paint beach house (\$200 for 5/gallons), clear brush, do trail maintenance, possibly establish a dog trail to keep dogs off the beach.
- E-coli test was good, even in heavy rain period.
- Weeds will be surveyed by Aquatic Control Technologies. Looks ok for now.
- PPAC membership must be finalized with talent bank forms being sent to Sean
- Money tracking -- Checks are made out to ToU, DL gives in checks with a “turnover sheet”. This is how all receipts from fishing derby, swim lessons, and parking will be handled.
- Cottage – nothing new to report.

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## PROCESSING

### 7. Documents to be Considered for Signature

- Minutes June 3, 2013 – tabled due to inappropriate attendance
- Minutes May 20, 2013 -- tabled due to inappropriate attendance

### 8. Other

- Conservation Commission funding – awaiting word from David G.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

- Albee Rd. – Carven says he won't put in riprap, Salmon says he won't connect stormwater system until Carven puts in riprap, DEP says let it go since violations are not extant.
- 312-824, 180 Williams – Keith Vanderzicht -- Wall seems to be fine. We are waiting on one more wetland report.
- Peaceful Pond mowing – Russ and Dave staked the 25 foot setback line. DPW now aware of line. There was a suggestion to try to control multiflora rose. DL will look into getting "do not disturb, conservation area" signs from Voss signs.
- Peaceful Pond -- JMS will look at dead trees to left of entry drive on Hartford.
- Bills
  - Microbac -- \$25. Moved to pay: MP, Second: DL, Vote: Unan.
  - Electricity (Cottage) -- \$10.00. Moved to pay: MP, Second: DL, Vote: Unan.
  - Electricity (Beach House) -- \$6.04. Moved to pay: MP, Second: DL, Vote: Unan.
  - Legal Ads (WT&G) -- \$43.70. Moved to pay: MP, Second: DL, Vote: Unan.
  - MACC membership -- \$443.00 plus \$60 for Jennifer? Moved to pay \$503: MP, Second: DL, Vote: Unan. Bill signed for \$443. Paperwork will be sorted out.
- COC for 312-932, Douglas Pike Culvert. Moved to issue: MP, Second: DL, Vote: Unan.
- 170 Hecla – Russ will draft a letter to Gary regarding violations.
- Lackey Dam RDA – DEP is awaiting calculations from the appellant.

## ADJOURN

- Motion to adjourn at 10:43: MP, Second: DL, Vote: Unan.

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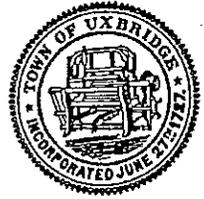
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Respectfully submitted by Ms. Jennifer Steel, Conservation Agent

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 Russell Holden, Chairman

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 Vice-Chair (vacant)

x *David Lewcon*  
 David Lewcon, Treasurer

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x *Michael R Potaski*  
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7/1/13 Date