



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



**Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2021
Remote Meeting**

POSTED UXB TOWN CLERK
2021 MAR 8 AM 8:24

Present: Chair Jeff Shaw, Vice Chair, Jim Hogan, Members, Russ Holden, Jessica Cleary and Mark Richardson, Treasurer Lauren Steele, and Conservation Agent Michèle Grenier Member

Absent: Dale Bangma

CALL TO ORDER

It being approximately 6:30pm, the meeting being properly posted, duly called, and a quorum being present digitally, the Chair called the meeting to order. He stated the following to explain the purpose for the remote meeting: "*Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Uxbridge Conservation Commission is being conducted via remote participation. Although, no in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, the Town of Uxbridge has made every effort to ensure the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time via technological means. This meeting is being streamed on Uxbridge Community Television and Zoom per the instructions on the agenda alternatively members of the public can call in by calling 301-715-8592 and using meeting i.d. All motions will be voted on by roll call vote in alphabetical order by last name.*"

Roll Call: Cleary - here, Hogan - here, Holden - here, Richardson - here, Shaw - here, Steele - here

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE REQUESTS

1. 33 Constitution Way – DEP# 312-1043 (01:50 – 04:20)

Discussion: Members conducted a site visit on 1/23/21. Everyone agreed the as-built plan was well within reasonable within expectations of meeting what was approved. Members were able to confirm during the site visit that there were no impacts to the 25' no disturb zone. Mr. Gauvin agreed to assist the homeowner submit the RDA to move the placed rocks.

Motion: Mr. Holden moved to approve the Certificate of Compliance request for DEP# 312-1043, 33 Constitution Way. Ms. Steele seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of 6-0-0 (Cleary – aye, Hogan – aye, Holden – aye, Richardson -aye, Shaw – aye, Steele-aye).

2. 43 Constitution Way – DEP# 312-1044 (04:22 – 08:10)

Discussion: Members viewed this site also on 1/23/21 and agreed everything was built to plan.

Motion: Ms. Steele moved to approve the Certificate of Completion request for DEP# 312-1044, 43 Constitution Way. Mr. Hogan seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of 6-0-0 (Cleary – aye, Hogan – aye, Holden – aye, Richardson -aye, Shaw – aye, Steele-aye).

3. 639 Hartford East - DEP# 312-1087 (08:13 – 12:17)

Discussion: Members were provided with a revised as-built plan that now reflects current conditions. Ms. Grenier visited the site and confirmed structures had been placed slightly different than the approved plan but were still in compliance with the Act and are now accurately reflected in the as-built plan.

Motion: Mr. Hogan moved to approve the Certificate of Completion request for DEP# 312-1087, 639 Hartford Ave East. Ms. Steele seconded, and the motion passed by roll call of 5-0-1 (Cleary – aye, Hogan – aye, Holden – abstain, Richardson -aye, Shaw – aye, Steele-aye)

EXTENSION OF ORDER OF CONDITIONS

1. 620 Aldrich Street - DEP# 312 -1039 (12:18 – 20:04)

Discussion: Ms. Grenier performed a site visit and reported no work was ever started on the site. A new owner purchased the property and requested to extend the Order of Conditions. Members noted that this is a complicated lot that includes a wetland crossing and replication area. Members confirmed the expiration date on the Order of Conditions is 3/6/21.

Motion: Ms. Steele moved to approve the request to extend the Order of Conditions for DEP# 312-1039, 620 Aldrich Street. Mr. Hogan seconded, and the motion passed by roll call vote of -0-0 (Cleary – aye, Hogan -aye, Holden -aye, Richardson – aye, Steele – aye, Shaw -aye).

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Further Discussion – Mr. Holden inquired whether the homeowner understood what would be required if she made any modifications to the plan. Ms. Grenier explained she had a long discussion with the homeowner – who expressed she is unsure what she wants to do and understands any changes require either a modification or a whole new filing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

REPORTED/ONGOING VIOLATIONS

1. DEP# 312-1086 — Tea Party Drive (20:55 – 26:18)

Discussion: Dale McKinnon, Guerrier and Halnon (G&H) attended to provide an update. G&H has surveyed the west side of Tea Party because they are going to propose a swale and some re-grading to intercept the runoff coming off the slope of Crownsheld and ponding at the low point on Tea Party. They'll submit a plan before the next meeting for review and if the Commission would like an amendment he will supply that 2 weeks later.

Mr. McKinnon notified the members that long-time developer Howard Fafard passed away and his wife will be taking over the company.

Ms. Grenier was at the site last week for building permit signoff and didn't note new or additional any issues.

2. DEP# 312-1022 — Forest Glen/Spring Hill Rd. (26:22 – 29:07)

Discussion: Ms. Grenier hasn't had any correspondence from the developer and members agreed she should send a formal letter to the applicant.

WETLAND UPDATES/ISSUES

1. Conservation Database Update (29:08 – 31:00)

- Ms. Grenier informed the Commission that Paula Bertram is currently working on Uxbridge's Database and she will let everyone know when it's installed.
- Ms. Grenier informed members that a senior tax worker has started.

PROCESSING

1. Meeting Minutes Review 1.19.21 (31:03 – 44:00)

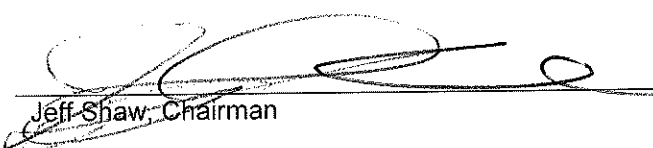
Motion: Ms. Cleary moved to approve the 1.19.21 Conservation Commission meeting minutes as written. Ms. Steele seconded and the motion passed by vote of 4-0-2 (Cleary – aye, Hogan – abstain, Holden – aye, Richardson – abstain, Steele – aye, Shaw – aye)

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

ADJOURNMENT-NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, February 16, 2021

Motion: Mr. Hogan moved to adjourn the February 1, 2021 meeting of the Conservation Commission. Motion seconded by Ms. Cleary passed unanimously by roll call vote of 6-0-0 (Cleary – aye, Hogan -aye, Holden -aye, Richardson – aye, Steele – aye, Shaw -aye).

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Shelley, Land Use Administrative Assistant


Jeff Shaw, Chairman