



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



Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes August 15, 2022

Present: Jeff Shaw, Paul Balutis, Lauren Steele attended in person and Tomas Etzold attended remotely

Absent: Russell Holden and Philip Bertuglia

REC'D UXB TOWN CLERK
2022 SEP 22 PM 4:40

CALL TO ORDER:

It being approximately 6:30 pm, the meeting being properly posted, duly called, and a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Chairperson followed by the pledge of allegiance.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE REQUESTS

1. 312-1021 748 West Street Northwood Homes

- **Motion:** Mr. Balutis made a motion to continue the request for CoC for 312-1021 to the next meeting of the Conservation Commission. Ms. Steele seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of 4-0-0 (Shaw – aye, Steele – aye, Balutis – aye, Etzold – aye).

2. 312-1045 1025 Quaker Highway

- **Presentation:** Margaret Bacon, Civil Site Engineering, attended on behalf of the owners of 1025 Quaker Highway. Civil Site was asked to obtain a CoC for the replication area and stormwater basin only. The project was designed by Andrews in 2017 and they were busy so the client asked whether they could submit. With Andrews permission Ms. Bacon superimposed their design onto the as-built. She described her work in the field – reviewing the replication area and surveyed the storm water basin to ensure it met the same grading and had the same inverts. She reported the replication area looked good noting that there was a lot of natural succession of wetland plants. It was also noted during discussion that the property has a new owner that is trying to clean up the permitting.
- **Discussion:** Members clarified the request is for a full CoC not a partial. Mr. Shaw questioned whether there is a Operation and Maintenance plan for the basin and if there is a maintenance record of the work on the basin and stormwater system. If so that should have been turned over to the new owners. It was mentioned because the system appears overgrown and there are cattails in what is supposed to be an infiltration basin (not detention basin). Ms. Bacon agreed to investigate further whether records have been kept and turned over and whether the basin is meeting the infiltration criteria and requested the commission continue discussion to the next meeting.
- **Motion:** Mr. Balutis made a motion to continue the request for CoC for 312-1045 to the next meeting of the Conservation Commission. Ms. Steele seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of 4-0-0 (Shaw – aye, Steele – aye, Balutis – aye, Etzold – aye).

REPORTED/ONGOING VIOLATIONS

1. DEP# 312-1086 — Tea Party Drive

- No new updates or requests for lot releases at this time. There has not been any substantial rainfall recently so it's difficult to tell how the water is running.

2. DEP# 312-1013 — 255 Chocolog Road, Cobblers Knoll Subdivision (Wetland issues and violations; breach of basin; planting plan was supposed to be implement; dep enforcement issues)

- Joe Marinella, project developer, attended the meeting. He said he took care of the basin blow out, armored the back of the slope of the basin, hydroseeded and stabilized basin "3", raised catch basin structures at the intersection of Chocolog and Tabor Rd, silt fence was added and rip rap added around the basin.
- Mr. Shaw pointed out the "first" basin is full of cat of nine tails, basin has approximately 2' of silt, the backwall re-construction does not appear to be made to specification. Mr. Marinella said he would scarify that basin again and he plans to finalize the swale work in September. He said he paid the DEP fine and addressed all the violations.
- Mr. Shaw provided a more detailed explanation of his concerns with the basin – aside from the reinforced area the rest of the basin walls contain decomposing tree stumps branches and sticks and there is the potential to wash out during the next good rain storm.
- It was determined that the NOI is no longer valid for the work near the wetlands – it expired in 2020. Mr. Marinella thought it expired but he had permission to work on the basins to resolve the problems. Mr. Shaw explained the process of extending Orders and refiling. Mr. Marinella agreed work with Andrews to file a new NOI and requested to meet with a representative of the Commission at the site.

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3. 206 Hazel Street
 - Ms. Petro was working with the homeowner to possibly obtain a grant from the USDA to help with the cost of septic system replacement.
4. 215 Henry Street
 - Memorandum of understanding was sent to the homeowner and we are awaiting the return of a signed copy

WETLAND UPDATES AND ISSUES

- Discussion of site compliance regarding active & expired Orders of Conditions
 - Elmdale Road and Bacon Street – a letter was sent to the homeowner
 - 515 Douglas Street DEP 312-1104 (Amazon) – pictures of signage and the fencing to date were reviewed. Members agreed to wait until the fence is complete before visiting the property.
 - 358 Douglas Street DEP 312-1124 (Pine Ridge Estates) – a letter was mailed to the homeowner requesting attendance at a meeting but there was no one in attendance. Members discussed the regulations related to taking wood from wetlands noting a certain amount may be taken for personal use but not to be sold.
 - 170 Rivulet Street – members agreed to add Rivulet Street onto the agenda. The agent was going to review the boundary to ensure an abutter was not expanding the driveway into a Town Owned Conservation Property.

PROCESSING

1. Minutes 8/1/22 – passed over due to lack of quorum.

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

ADJOURNMENT-NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR Tuesday September 6, 2022

Motion: Ms. Steele moved to adjourn the August 15th, 2022 meeting of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Balutis seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by vote of 4-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa Shelley, Land Use Administrative Assistant



Jeff Shaw, Chairman