



Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 17, 2018
Board of Selectman's Room, Uxbridge Town Hall

Present: Chair Andrew Gorman, Vice Chair Jim Hogan, Treasurer Russell Holden, and Members Lauren Steele

Absent: Clerk Jeff Shaw and Members Dale Bangma and Brad Allspach

It being 6:30 pm, the meeting being properly posted, duly called and a quorum being present, the Chair called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP #312-10XX**, 0 Old Elmdale Road (Map 25, Parcel 2979) (00:00:22 – 00:08:40)
Applicant: Aris Group LLC Representative: Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc.
Project Description: 23 lot subdivision with associated roadway, drainage, and utilities

Discussion: Stephen O'Connell with Andrews Survey and Engineering attended on behalf of the applicant to provide an update to the Commission. He stated they are nearing completion of substantial revisions to the NOI application and they attended the Planning Board meeting on 9/12/18 seeking input that they may want to also incorporate. One area discussed in particular was the widening of the existing section of Old Elmdale Road for long-term safety and access reasons. Mr. O'Connell said this would increase work in the buffer zone and is working to have that area delineated on an updated plan. He also said he has not yet been able to connect with DEP to obtain comments but has a call into Meghan. Mr. Gorman mentioned his conversation with Meghan and there was brief discussion related to (i) storm water report requiring a response for Standard 6 discharge to critical areas (ii) confirming the distance between boundary of the certified vernal pool and where the storm water basin is discharging citing chapter 1, volume 1, of the storm water handbook pg. 18 (iii) she would like to see the wetland edge peer review with attention to the western side of the property where the isolated wetland and vernal pool are located (iv) distinguish between disturbed river front area and degraded due to the different regulatory meanings. Mr. Gorman also requested to Mr. O'Connell to define what type of Limited Project review they are looking for and which specific areas qualify for the Limited Project designation. No members of the public commented.

Motion: Ms. Steele moved to continue 0 Old Elmdale Road the October 15 of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Holden seconded and the motion passed unanimously by vote of 4-0-0.

REPORTED/ONGOING VIOLATIONS * the chair re-ordered this section of the published agenda to hear Commerce Drive 1st.

1. Commerce Drive – Map 40, Parcels 3085 & 3086 (00:08:57 – 00:15:22)
 - Stephen O'Connell with Andrews Survey and Engineering attended on behalf of the applicant. There has been a review site conditions by some Commissioners one year following the clearing event. Mr. Gorman reported there is a lot of herbaceous growth on site, the barberry has not really taken but there is a lot of black locust growth. Mr. Holden noted the original intent being of the re-establishment, as much as possible, of what was previously there and the importance of starting this sooner rather than later. Mr. O'Connell stated the landscaper and Mr. Allen, EcoTec have been in contact to coordinate details and plantings are scheduled to begin next week. He also said Mr. Allen would be physically supervising the selection of plants and locations, overseeing the "installation" of the plants, completing an inventory of herbaceous growth that is taking place and documenting the inventory of the invasive species. Mr. O'Connell also mentioned that this would be a \$40 to \$50k endeavor in addition to a \$60k fine from DEP. Mr. O'Connell will keep members up to date with the progress of the plantings.
2. 832 Aldrich Street – submitted complaint of wood chips filling in wetlands on adjacent property (00:15:39 – 00:17:21)
 - Members reviewed a letter, written by the Chair, mailed to the owner on 9.12.018. Everyone agreed to leave the item as a placeholder and see if further action is required.
3. Forest Glen (00:17:22 – 00:22:33)
 - The commission received a new complaint sent to DEP and to the Town. Part of the complaint was that there was not a DEP file number sign established on site. Members noted seeing the sign before and the site

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supervisor has indicated they are having a problem with the sign being stolen. The sign has since been re-established and photos have been provided if needed for verification. The complaint also included comments about "re-routing the stream", which members agreed was properly permitted through the OoC allowing bank alteration. It was a large complaint that spanned multiple boards' jurisdictions and the Town Manager is coordinating the response.

4. 17 Harvest Road (00:22:34 – 00:26:16)
 - The specific location could not be verified during a drive by and members agreed to communicate with the complainant to confirm before taking any action.

WETLAND UPDATES/ISSUES

1. 629 Hartford Ave East (00:26:16 – 00:31:20)
 - A site visit was confirmed for Sept 20, 2018 to ensure the meadow has revegetated enough to support the issue and set up a CoC. There was a discussion about allowing the homeowner to remove the ECBs, a silt fence, which currently is only serving as a visual for the limit of disturbance / designation of the meadow area. Members agreed to look at the site first to see if there is enough of a designation between the manicured lawn and meadow area before making a determination.
2. Request for Certificate of Compliance – DEP #312-1020 Hazel Street (00:31:24 – 00:40:44)
 - Item passed over until the October 1 meeting to allow for a site visit and review of an engineer stamped as-built plan.
3. Whitin Pond (00:40:44 – 00:40:47)
 - No update from Counsel yet
4. Peaceful Pond – Work on plan to define future use and invite public input (00:40:55 – 00:42:23)
 - No new updates. Commissioners discussed sending questions and any input to Mr. Gorman to be included in a draft for the Commission to review and discuss.
5. Beaver Dam (BJs Conservation Restriction and Ironstone Reservoir) (00:42:31 – 00:44:49)
 - A letter was sent to involved parties (BJ's Property Manager, BOH, RI DEM, and the Property Owner) on 9.12.18 and the Commission will await any follow up.
6. Discussion of site compliance regarding active and expired Order of Conditions (00:44:49 – 00:49:19)
 - 424 Mendon Street Solar Field – An abutter emailed a complaint on 9/15/18 of clearing beyond the established ECB. Several members thought they remembered this activity being "allowed" in the Order to accommodate the shading as long as it was maintained at a certain height and stumps were not removed. It was mentioned that usually the ECB is the limit of disturbance but may not have been the case in this instance. Everyone agreed a follow up and carefully review the approved plan and the order of conditions to confirm as necessary.
 - Campanelli project - Second part of the project the Medline portion will be starting their earth disturbing activities soon, has submitted their Certificate of Understanding, and will be requesting an ECB inspection.
7. Open Space Discussion (00:49:23 – 00:51:16)
 - Mr. Gorman has been in contact with the new interns (Taylor and Kaila) and scheduled a meeting for 9/25/18 at 6:15 to provide them with some background and go over their vision for the project. He invited the other members previously involved in the open space project to attend if they would like.

PROCESSING

1. 8/20/18 and 9/5/18 Meeting Minutes (00:51:16 – 00:56:31)
 - Motion: Mr. Hogan moved to approve the 8/20/18 meeting minutes of the Conservation Commission as written. Ms. Steele seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by vote of 4-0-0.
 - Motion: Mr. Hogan moved to approve the 9/5/18 meeting minutes of the Conservation Commission as written. Mr. Holden seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by vote of 4-0-0.

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

- Draft Wetland Bylaw Discussion – Workshop date tentatively scheduled for 10/29/18

AGENT UPDATES (00:56:32 – 01:01:10)

1. General updates from the office/projects – no new updates
2. Agent resignation -

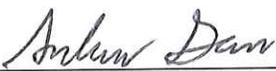
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- The posting closed 9/3/18 the a committee has been established and interviews are being scheduled
3. Pout Pond responsibilities & items to address
- End of year clean up (take down sign, board up building, final trash runs) moved to 10am on 9/22/19.

ADJOURNMENT-NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR October 1, 2018

Motion: Mr. Hogan moved to adjourn the September 17 meeting of the Conservation Commission. Ms. Steele seconded, and the motion passed by vote of 4-0-0.

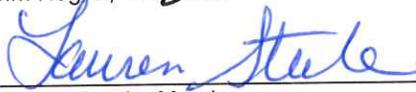
Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Shelley



Andrew Gorman, Chairman



Jim Hogan, Vice Chair



Lauren Steele, Member



Brad Allspach, Member



Jeffrey Shaw, Clerk



Russell Holden, Treasurer



Dale Bangma, Member



Date