

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



Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes July 30, 2018 Board of Selectman's Room, Uxbridge Town Hall

Present: Chair Andrew Gorman, Vice Chair Jim Hogan, Treasurer Russell Holden, Members Lauren Steele & Brad Allspach

Absent: Clerk Jeff Shaw & Member Dale Bangma

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

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Workshop & update of Wetland Bylaw
 - a. Public input welcome!

Discussion: Commissioners discussed and made active revisions to the current version of the bylaw. Specific concerns or discussions included:

- No public input was provided at this time.
- Review of revisions from past meetings and language included in Sections I VII.
- Vernal pools in relation to jurisdiction and wording. Concerns were raised over the wording of 'documented'
 and if that included potential vernal pools. Commissioners agreed to include potential vernal pools mapped
 by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) within the vernal pool definition.
- Review of exemptions and if they are all or should all be listed within the bylaw. Commissioners agreed
 that a thorough list of existing exemptions will need to be reviewed, including those applied to minor
 activities (310 CMR 10.02(2)(b)(2)) and limited projects (310 CMR 10.53(3)).
- Concern of access to enforce the bylaw. Discussions included concern of including a landowners consent
 aspect for accessing private property when enforcing the bylaw. The Commission agreed to maintain the
 language which refers back to state law for access.
- Submittal requirements & distribution of plans to other boards.

ADJOURNMENT-NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 6, 2018

Motion: Mr. Hogan moved to adjourn the July 30, 2018 meeting of the Conservation Commission. Ms. Steele seconded, and the motion passed by vote of 5-0-0.

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Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Shelley

Andrew Gorman, Chairman

Jeffrey Shaw, Clerk

Russell Holden, Treasurer

(absent)

Lauren Steele, Member

Dale Bangma, Member