

Town of Uxbridge  
Conservation Commission  
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**Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday February 20, 2018  
Board of Selectman's Room, Uxbridge Town Hall**

**Present:** Chair Andrew Gorman, Vice Chair Jim Hogan, Clerk Jeff Shaw, Treasurer Russell Holden, Member Dale Bangma, and Conservation Agent Melissa Danza

**Absent:** Member Lauren Steele

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. **Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP #312-1054**, 0 Newell Road & 0 S Main Street (Map 25, Parcels 2065 & 4434) (00:09 - 00:31)  
Applicant: ForeFront Power, LLC Representative: TRC Environmental Corporation  
Project Description: Construction of a 4-megawatt ground mounted solar facility with work in bordering vegetated wetlands and associated buffer zones.

Discussion: (PH opened 9.19.17) Mr. Gorman noted the applicant formally requested to continue.

MOTION: Mr. Holden made a motion to continue DEP #312-1054, 0 Newell Road & 0 S Main Street until the next scheduled meeting. Mr. Bangma seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by vote of 5-0-0.

2. **Notice of Intent (NOI), DEP#312-1039**, 620 Aldrich Street (Map 48, Parcel 4524) (00:00:31 – 00:00:51)  
Applicant: Jonathan E. Tibbetts Representative: Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc.  
Project Description: Construction of a single-family home with associated septic system, earthwork, landscaping with a wetland crossing to construct a driveway.

Discussion: (PH opened 5.1.17) Mr. Gorman noted the applicant formally requested to continue.

MOTION: Mr. Holden made a motion to continue DEP #312-1039, 620 Aldrich Street until the next scheduled meeting. Mr. Bangma seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by vote of 5-0-0.

- Angeline Ellison, the new Town Manager, attended and introduced herself to the Commission. (00:00:52 – 00:02:25)

**WETLAND UPDATES/ISSUES**

**REPORTED/ONGOING VIOLATIONS**

- 619 Quaker Highway (00:02:33 – 00:07:20)
  - *Mr. Gorman recused himself from discussion due his employer's involvement in the project.* Mrs. Danza informed the Commission that Mr. Powers, the owner, had done some cleaning recently that appeared to be inside the 100' buffer. Mr. Bangma walked the site and confirmed there has been tree clearing approximately 45' from the resource area. Mr. Powers attended the 11/6/17 Conservation meeting in response to a potential violation and again on 12/4/17 with a plan to construct a building for his business after having the wetlands delineated. At that time, the Commission recommended marking the 100' line and explained the NOI/RDA process. Mrs. Danza made contact with the engineer and requested informally for work to stop within the 100', which it appears, has happened. They also informed her that the applicant is planning to submit a NOI.
  - **MOTION:** Mr. Holden made a motion to issue a Cease and Desist for 619 Quaker Highway for any work. Mr. Shaw seconded, and the motion passed by vote of 4-0-0.
  - *Mr. Gorman returned to the meeting.*

## **Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes continued – Tuesday, February 21, 2018**

- Regarding the idea to assign a Commissioner as point of contact for the various projects, Mr. Gorman noted some members expressed concerns with the additional responsibilities. Members agreed to start with a list of active sites (to be compiled by Mrs. Danza) and those with expired OoC's with work not finished. The also mentioned using Field Form and agreed that Commissioners send any issues noted to Mrs. Danza who can pass on to the group without violating OML.

### **PROCESSING**

1. 2/5/17 Meeting Minutes (00:49:17 – 00:54:47)
  - Members reviewed the minutes but passed over voting to review a portion to confirm a vote. Other minor corrections were noted.

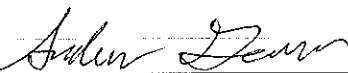
### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS, WHICH MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**


1. General discussion regarding vernal pool certification (00:54:56 – 01:00:04)
  - Members discussed supplies they may need such as dip net, waders. They also discussed officially obtaining permission to collect data from the vernal pools. The goal is to begin after the March 3 conference.
2. Schedule a site visit to Capron Mill Cottage (01:00:05 – 01:04:24)
  - Mr. Gorman gave a recap and members tentatively scheduled Saturday 3/3/18 9:00am and will invite members from PPRC and Mr. Lewcon. Mrs. Danza reported she spoke with Fire Chief Kessler who agreed to board up the cottage when they are ready.
3. Discussion of FY19 Budget Worksheet (01:04:27 – 01:16:50)
  - Mr. Gorman recapped the board approved going from 50/50 to 75/25 split to fund the Agent's salary. There was some questions about building maintenance and budgeting for Pout Pond and Mrs. Danza confirmed Other *Professional Services* includes expenses like Microbac and the Solitude contract and *Property Related Services* include items such as garbage removal, fertilizing and mowing for example. The amounts are just budgeted and will go back to free cash if not used. Mrs. Danza also confirmed other expenses for Pout Pond such as the tent and the supplies are paid from the PPRC funds. Mr. Hogan recommended keeping the 5230 Other Utilities amount at least at \$1000.
4. *Not on Agenda*: It was mentioned that elevated levels of contaminants were found near the Kempton Road site on East Street – the only house not on the public water line. Elevated levels were also noted on Mountainview Rd. The region can be followed on DEP's waste site cleanup website.


### **ADJOURNMENT-NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 3, 2018**

Mr. Hogan moved to adjourn the 2/20/18 meeting of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Shaw seconded, and the motion passed unanimously by vote of 5-0-0.

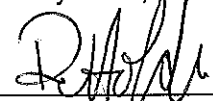
Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Shelley

  
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Andrew Gorman, Chairman

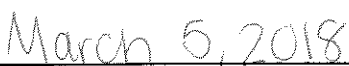
  
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