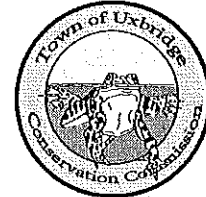


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Conservation Commission
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Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, March 3, 2014

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Please note some items may have been taken out of agenda order.

Conservation Commissioners Present: Russell Holden (RH), Chair; Mike Potaski (MP); Jim Hogan (JH); and Jeffrey Shaw (JS)

Other Staff Present: Kristin Black (KB), Conservation Administrator

ACTIVE WETLAND CASES

1. **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) FY14-03, Deere Run, 140 Sutton St (Map 11, Parcel 2097)**
 - **Applicant:** Marc Pitts **Engineer:** Heritage Design Group
 - **Proposal:** Extension of the existing bituminous driveway to serve two (2) additional single-family homes.
 - **New Information presented by Eric Bazzett:** Summary of buffer zone impacts associated with revised plan, vegetation management plan, detail of rip rap and stone berm section, and documentation of perennial stream
 - **Discussion:** RH commented that the vegetation management plan should include text stating that invasive species removal requires consultation with Conservation Commission. RH commented that the revised project does not meet DEP Policy 99-1 based on square feet of disturbance and proximity of work BVW. Several comments were made on the date (greater than 3 years prior) of the wetland delineations in the work area near the proposed rip rap area. Possible special conditions for the project were discussed and included: Requirement for adherence to Vegetation Management Plan, conditioning exact location and dimension of rip rap in the field, and recording of determination. Members of the CC concluded that the project was difficult to condition under RDA, did not include recent wetland delineations in area of proposed rip rap, and included work within the 50' buffer zone to the BVW. A discussion of positive Determination of Applicability #3 and #4 followed.
 - **Motion** by MP to issue a Positive Determination of Applicability (#4), Seconded by JS; Vote Unanimous 4:0:0.

2. **Notice of Intent (NOI) 312-962, 217 River Road (Map 45, Parcel 4066)**
 - **Applicant:** SB River Road, LLC **Engineer:** Guerrier and Halnon, Inc.
 - **Proposal:** After-the-fact Resurfacing an existing stone dust parking lot with recycled pavement
 - **Presentation by Peter Lavoie:** The project was completed by the previous owner. The reason for resurfacing and date new gate installed are unknown. P. Lavoie stated permeability of new surface and old surface are around the same. -
 - **Discussion:** RH questioned vegetation maintenance along the fence stating that recent trimming of vegetation was evident on his site visit. A special condition for trimming/removal of vegetation along the fence was discussed.
 - **Motion** by MP to issue approving Order of Conditions with standard special conditions of the Uxbridge Conservation Commission and additional special condition stating that any trimming/removal of vegetation in area on the north side of the property between the fence and River Road requires review by the Conservation Commission. Seconded by JS; Vote Unanimous 4:0:0.

3. **Notice of Intent (NOI) 312-965, 639 Aldrich St. (Map 48, Parcel 2853)**
 - **Applicant:** Lincoln Finance Company LLC **Engineer:** Civil Site Engineering LLC Uxbridge,
 - **Proposal:** Replacement of an existing Soil Absorption System and Septic tank

- **Presentation by Mike Yerka:** Erosion control to include 9" straw wattle 10' on center. Silt fencing is not proposed.
 - **Discussion:** RH questioned need and location for soil stockpiling. If necessary, RH recommend soil stockpiling to occur in "gravel parking area" shown on the plans.
 - **Motion** by MP to issue approving Order of Conditions with standard special conditions of the Uxbridge Conservation Commission and additional special condition stating that if soil stockpiling is required, soil will be stockpiled in the "gravel parking area" shown on the plans. Seconded by JS; Vote Unanimous 4:0:0.
4. **Notice of Intent (NOI) 312-966, 19 Quaker Highway, (Map 30, Parcel 1856)**
- **Applicant:** Robin Kenoian **Engineer:** Civil Site Engineering LLC
 - **Proposal:** Replacment of an existing Soil Absorption System and Septic tank
 - **Presentation by Mike Yerka** of plan.
 - **Discussion:** This project closely resembles 619 Aldrich Street. Minimum distance between BVW and limit of work is 62 feet.
 - **Motion** by MP to issue approving Order of Conditions with standard special conditions of the Uxbridge Conservation Commission. Seconded by JH; Vote Unanimous 4:0:0.
5. **Notice of Intent (NOI) 312-___, 79 River Rd (Map 45, Parcel 1345), cont'd awaiting comments from MA-DEP**
- **Applicant:** Bedrock Crossing LLC **Engineer:** Andrews Survey & Engineering
 - **Proposal:** Fill ILSF, grade and create gravel lot.
 - **Update by Steve O'Connell:** The applicant is waiting for a date of the adjudicatory hearing. A letter requesting continuation presented to Conservation Commission.
 - **Outcome:** At request of applicant, project is continued to next meeting.
6. **Notice of Intent (NOI) 312-964, 15 Bailey Street (Hecla Village), (Map 25, Parcel 1454).**
- **Applicant:** Aris Group, LLC **Engineer:** Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc.
 - **Proposal:** 10 Lot residential subdivision and associated earthwork for road infrastructure and stormwater management facilities
 - **Presentation by Steve O'Connell:** Project does not occur in rare species habitat. Aside from work associated with the stormwater basin, the only other lots with potential work in the buffer zone are lots #6 and #7. The minimum distance between the limit of work and the BVW is 55 feet.
 - **Discussion:** Based on comments from KB regarding the steep slopes at the back of Lots 6 and 7 and concern over dumping of yard waste and or encroachment into the buffer zone, possible signage at the back of the house lots was discussed. Steve O'Connell has experience with such signage and offered to propose a detail for signage. The location and details of possible signage was discussed.
 - **Motion** by MP to issue approving Order of Conditions with standard special conditions of the Uxbridge Conservation Commission and an additional special condition requiring signage (materials and language of such signage to be pre-approved by the Conservation Commission or the agent) to be permanently installed on Lots 4, 5, 6, and 7. Said signage to be installed at the rear of the lot at the limit of lawn or 100' buffer zone, whichever is closer. Seconded by JH; Vote Unanimous 4:0:0.
 - **Motion** by MP to close the public hearing on 15 Bailey Street. Seconded by JH; Vote Unanimous 4:0:0.
7. **Request for Extension of Orders of Conditions 312-751, Taft Hill Development/Douglas Street**
- **Applicant:** Northwind Partners MA, LLC **Engineer:** Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc.
 - **Presentation by Steve O'Connell:** Project is approximately 95% complete. Remaining work includes grading and landscaping on 8 lots, modification to one stormwater management area, and report on wetland replication area. The Amended Order of Conditions was issued on March 9, 2007 and said to expire on March 9, 2010. The Amended Order of Conditions was extended twice under the Permit Extension Act, resulting in a revised expiration date of March 9, 2014. Outstanding items include a certificate of compliance and wetland replications assessment/report.
 - **Discussion:** The length of an extension was discussed.

- **Motion** by MP to extend the Amended Order of Conditions for an additional 3 years, expiring March 9, 2017. Seconded by JH; Vote Unanimous 4:0:0.

WETLAND UPDATES/ISSUES


1. **DEP 312-957, Larkin Building**, ongoing project under valid Order of Conditions
 - **Motion** by JM to take discussion of 312-957 out of order. Seconded by Jeff; Unanimous 4:0:0.
 - MP recused himself.
 - **Update by Steve O'Connell:** A letter from Paul Hutnak (engineer) was presented to the Conservation Commission. The letter states "As requested, please find attached, an updated construction sequence for the Larkin Building detailing the tasks that have been accomplished to date. During construction it has come to the applicant's attention that the Town of Uxbridge Department of Public Works intends to permit the permanent extension of the proposed drain pipe that is being installed as part of the Larkin Building project sometime in the near future. With this in mind, the applicant respectfully requests the Commission allow for a field change to eliminate the drain pipe connecting to the sluiceway as this was proposed only as a temporary measure until the Town was able to connect through to the sluiceway across Hartford Avenue."
 - **Discussion:** The options for documenting the field change were discussed. KB noted that there is no correspondence from Benn Sherman (DPW) on the possible timeline of the work by the DPW. If the original design were to proceed with the temporary connection, a dry well may be necessary at the end of the pipe because the current elevation and conditions under the sluiceway are not conducive to the original design. If the change is allowed it will need to be documented similar to a DEP field change.
 - **Outcome:** KB to contact Benn Sherman for possible timeline of DPW project. Based on the timeline for the DPW work, the Conservation Commission will make a decision on the request for the field change and properly document.
 - MP reinstate after discussions on Larkin conclude.
2. **NStar Maintenance notification received.** This letter is sent annually and notifies Conservation Commission of upcoming maintenance activities in the town. No further discussion

PROCESSING

1. **Reorganization** – Discussion on current positions of the commission.
 - JH self-nominate for position of treasurer on the Conservation Commission. Seconded by MP; Unanimous 4:0:0.
 - JS self-nominate for position of Secretary on the Conservation Commission. Seconded by JH; Unanimous 4:0:0.
2. **Site Visits** – Discussion on recent and upcoming site visits including Immanuel Gravel Pit and 0 Elmdale Rd.
3. **Minutes Feb, 3, 2014** – Motion to accept minutes by MP; Seconded by JS; Unanimous 4:0:0.
4. **Pout Pond warrant article**
 - Discussion on the proposed town warrant article on establishment of a Pout Pond Recreational Committee.
 - **Motion** by MP to submit the town warrant article as written that will establish a Pout Pond Recreational Committee and that the article may be revised as necessary by the town manager and/or town counsel so to be acceptable. Seconded by JH; RH abstain; Vote 3:0:1.
5. **Finance** – Discussion on upcoming finance meeting and status of MACMAPP ArcGIS grant application.
6. **Abutter Notification** – The current abutter notification list generation process was discussed. Members concluded there is no need to notify non-abutters within 100' (such as neighboring towns that are included in Planning/Zoning abutter notification lists). KB to provide documentation of abutter requirements per WPA to assessor's office.

ADJOURN – Motion to ADJOURN at 10:02PM by JH; Seconded JS; Vote Unanimous 4:0:0.

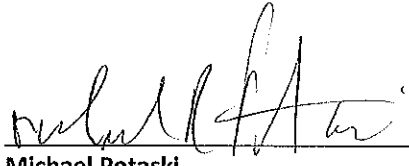
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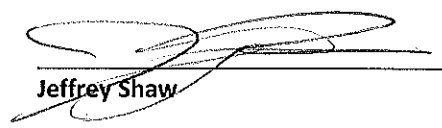
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