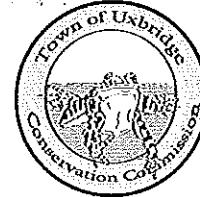


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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 18, 2014  
Lower Town Hall, Uxbridge Town Hall

**ORIGINAL**

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

**Present:** Chair Russell Holden, Treasurer Jim Hogan, Clerk Jeffrey Shaw, Members Michael Healy and Michael Potaski and Administrator Kristin Black.

**Absent:** None.

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 Chair.

**ACTIVE WETLAND CASES**

1. Notice of Intent (NOI) 312-9xx, 86 Chapin Street (Map 26, Parcel 1281)  
Applicant: Evergreen Center, Inc. Representative: Guerriere & Halnon, Inc  
Project Description: Construction of a proposed 6 bedroom house and associated work within the 100' buffer to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW).
  - o Discussion: The Chair stated the DEP number for this NOI is 312-967. Peter LaVoie, of Guerriere & Halnon, the project engineer for this NOI, representing the applicant, gave the abutter notification green cards to Mr. Logan for verification; stated that the project had an OOC from 2004, recently expired under PEA; took project over from Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc.; utilized sewage disposal plan from Andrews, dated June 2, 2010, showing wetlands, when submitting new NOI, which had Board of Health approval; pointed out Lot 2 is approximately 10.2 acres in size, with cart path, open field, and existing tree line, ledge area is highpoint; proposed driveway off of Chapin Street; total disturbance on parcel is approximately 56,000 square feet; plan includes proposed erosion control (silt fence); and, does not have original ORAD, done in 2010. Mrs. Black did site visit that day with Mr. Healy and Mr. Potaski; observed wetland flagging; did see intermittent stream. Discussion continued to include landscape plan around driveway; septic meets setbacks; ability to see all the wetland flags; retaining wall and swale; and, request for construction sequence plan and use of straw wattles or silt fence – no hay bales. The Chair asked for comment from the audience; there were none. The Chair stated that with updated plans another site visit should be done to view the wetland lines; requested copies of wetland forms, detailed erosion control plan, and construction sequence.
  - o **MOTION: I, Mr. Potaski, move that the Commission continue the Public Hearing for MA-DEP 312-967 to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion passed 5-0-0.**

**Mr. Potaski recused himself from NOI 312-963 discussion and decision.**

2. NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI), 312-9xx, 92 & 104 Aldrich Street, (Map 45, Parcels 1814, 1073 & 2726)  
Applicant: ExxonMobil Pipeline Company Representative: Roux Associates, Inc.
  - o Project description: Trenching of 6' depth, 7' width and up to 1,750' in length to facilitate preventative maintenance of a petroleum pipeline resulting in impacts to Bank, BVW and Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways.
  - o Discussion: The Chair stated the DEP number for this NOI is 312-963. Eric Runstrom, of Roux Associates, Inc., representing the Applicant, stated project intersects a few wetland areas and intermittent stream; plan is to do work during dry season; work to be done in segments; proposed erosion controls (straw wattle and matting material); and, similar to NOI submitted recently for West Street. Discussion included 100' bank buffer from stream denoted on plan; estimated project length of 2-3 weeks, dependent upon conditions encountered; proposed work during summer or winter; abutter notification green cards given to Mr. Hogan for verification (missing 92 Aldrich Street);

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proposed wetland monitoring follow-up of 75% recovery over two (2) years; applicant has rights of access based on right of way (in homeowner deed); proposed work for culvert area; and, special conditions to reuse existing groundcover, wetland flagging observation, and low/no flow work period or time of year for the wetland crossings only (Mrs. Black to draft for the next meeting).

- **MOTION: I, Mr. Hogan, move that the Commission continue the Public Hearing for MA-DEP 312-963 to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion passed 4-0-0.**

3. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY (RDA), Route 16A/Quaker Highway

Applicant: Jonathan L. Gulliver

Representative: MassDOT-Highway Division-District 3

- Project description: Roadway maintenance project located along Route 16A/Quaker Highway (in vicinity of 181, 193, and 198 Quaker Highway), Uxbridge. The work primarily involves drainage repairs and improvements within the 100 foot buffer zone of a bordering vegetated wetland.
- Discussion: William Clougherty of MassDOT Highway Division District 3 and Erica Summers, also of MassDOT, representing the applicant, stated discrepancies with the filing; legal notice indicates 16A versus 146A, and may need to re-advertise the project; no concerns from Commission of advertising mistake as RDA includes more specific addresses; plan includes drain lines and cross-culverts; proposed erosion detail plan. Discussion included appropriate negative determination (check box 2 -- read by the Chair).
- **MOTION: I, Mr. Potaski, move that the Commission grant a negative determination for the RDA for 146A/Quaker Highway. Seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion passed 5-0-0.**

4. NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI), 312-9xx, 79 River Rd (Map 45, Parcel 1345) - *awaiting comments from MA-DEP*

Applicant: Bedrock Crossing LLC

Representative: Andrews Survey & Engineering

Project description: Fill ILSF, grade and create gravel lot.

- Discussion: Mrs. Black shared an email received from Steve O'Connell of Andrews Survey & Engineering from March 17, 2014, requesting a continuance to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Brief discussion was held regarding keeping this NOI on the meeting agenda.
- **MOTION: I, Mr. Potaski, move that the Commission continue the Public Hearing for the NOI for 79 River Road to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion passed 5-0-0.**

**MOTION: I, Mr. Potaski, move that the Commission address the Pout Pond agenda items out of order. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion passed 5-0-0.**

**CONSERVATION LAND**

1. Pout Pond

- Ed Evers, present proposed motions from PPAC (motion to hire 2 part time seasonal employees)
  - Discussion: Mr. Evers, on behalf of PPAC, requested the hiring of two (2) part time employees (one manager position, one staff position) in order to continue the arts and crafts activities, and perhaps to help staff the snack shack; 2014 season begins Memorial Day and ends mid-August; staffing hourly rates of \$9/hour and \$10/hour, for no more than twenty (20) hours per week each; existing 2013 revenue and projected 2014 revenue can fund salaries; will decrease need of PPAC volunteers, but not eliminate it, allowing for refocus to PPAC partnering initiatives; estimated total cost \$4,200 (approximately 11 weeks of employment). Discussion continued of previous meeting with Town Manager and Mr. Potaski in regard to funding resources; need for job description for two (2) positions; define who's responsible for posting positions, interviewing, etc.; concern that funding is available for whole summer; Commission supports the concept of hiring two (2) employees.
  - **MOTION: I, Mr. Potaski, move that the Commission approve the proposal for two (2) part time employees, subject to seeing that the numbers work (for the salaries) and the job descriptions. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried 5-0-0.**
- Approval of Expenses submitted by Rachael Frazier
  - Discussion: Mrs. Black shared the receipts she received from Rachel Frazier, totaling \$212.90 which were previously approved for the Pout Pond First Night parade float. Signature approval by the Chair is all that is needed.

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- Update on the submission of Town Meeting Warrant Article
  - Discussion: Mr. Potaski stated that two (2) warrant articles are being proposed, one of which is a Citizens Petition to amend the zoning bylaws to allow for the summer/work camper; and, recommended that the Commission vote to support the Citizens Petition. Discussion included reading and review of the changes by Town Manager on work camper warrant article.
  - **MOTION: I, Mr. Potaski, move that the Commission support the Citizens Petition for the unnumbered Warrant Article dealing with the work camper at Pout Pond. Seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion carried 5-0-0.**

**MOTION: I, Mr. Potaski, move that the Commission address the Wetlands Updates/Issues Larkin Building, 312-957 agenda item out of order. Seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion passed 5-0-0.**

Mr. Potaski recused himself from NOI 312-957 discussion and decision.

### WETLANDS UPDATES/ISSUES

2. Larkin Building, 312-957, update on abutting town repairs
  - Discussion: Unidentified audience member stated that he was there to hear the discussion, not to make a presentation. Mrs. Black stated NOI is expected soon for Town roadwork; anticipated work start date would be July 1<sup>st</sup> at the earliest, per DPW Director Benn Sherman. Discussion included pipe installation; need for a dry wall; total construction details unknown until project begins; overflow has been constructed; field change language approval; continuation of culvert is conditional to protect the wetlands; and, letter to file to be written by Mrs. Black.
1. FY14-04, Old Elmdale Road/Old Still Corner Road: On March 7<sup>th</sup>, DEP issued Positive Determination of Applicability requiring the filing of a Notice of Intent
  - Discussion: Mrs. Black shared that Gary Vecchione came into the office with a new RDA; she walked him through the process, the regulations, and grandfathering. Discussion included permitting process for a road; lack of approval of gravel removal permit, grandfathered or active; and, pruning activity.
3. 660 Millville Rd
  - Discussion: Mrs. Black stated property owner of 660 Millville Road stopped by to discuss doing some work around the wetlands on the property; Commission had approved tree removal previously; recommended the owner submit an NOI with a plan; owner unhappy with filing cost and process; stormwater basins are flooding his property; Patriots Way and Elm Street drainage basins are managed by the Town; and, DPW Director Benn Sherman is aware of issue. Mrs. Black will follow-up with a site visit.
4. Review of Drawdowns
  - Discussion: Mrs. Black received some documents from DEP Circuit Rider Mark Stenson, but not prepared for lengthy discussion; OOC filing is required if water level is dropped as alteration to the wetland. Mrs. Black will draft letter to send to the property owner associated with Rivulet Dam.
5. MassWoods.net
  - Discussion: Mrs. Black read letter about new program into record, regarding forestry activities. The Chair requested that Mrs. Black add the link for Uxbridge on the Conservation Commission webpage.

### PROCESSING

1. Site Visit Update
  - Mrs. Black will conduct site visits for Old Elmdale/Gary Vecchione and 660 Millville Road and will reschedule Immanuel Pit site visit. Brief discussion included Citizens Petition to rezone Immanuel Pit parcel. Mr. Healy shared 86 Chapin Street site visit concern with septic, and setbacks, with local ordinance for Uxbridge being 100 feet. Discussion included need to confirm current setbacks; Board of Health making determination on behalf of Conservation; ability of Commission to comment on setbacks or not; and, need for wetlands bylaw, stormwater management bylaw. The Chair asked Mrs. Black to have a conversation with the Board of Health department.
2. Documents to be Considered for Signature: Meeting Minutes 09MAR2014
  - **MOTION: I, Mr. Potaski, move that the Commission approve the meeting minutes from March 9, 2014. Second by Mr. Shaw, the motion passed 4-0-1 (Mr. Healy abstained).**

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3. WPA Fund: proposed expenditures (laptop and field supplies)
  - o Discussion: Mrs. Black stated receipt of laptop pricing, but it seemed high; further breakdown of pricing was requested; laptop to be used for ArcView license during meetings (only have 1). In order to get ArcView license with grant, open space land information is requested in turn, that isn't part of state funded land purchases. For field supplies, Mrs. Black ordered 100 foot measuring tape for the office; will come up with a process of where to leave things in office, centrally located, for all to use.

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

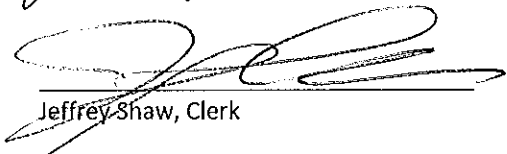
1. OTHER
  - o Discussion of meeting schedule change from Monday, April 21, 2014 (Patriots Day) to Tuesday, April 22, 2014. Town Hall will be closed; school vacation week. Commission agreed to change the date; Mrs. Black will update the web page.
  - o Mrs. Black asked about adding a second page to Orders of Conditions, procedures and steps of what to do and where. The Chair agreed this would be useful.
  - o Mrs. Black shared Brown Bear Crossing site visit concerns; is working with the developer/contractor. Brief discussion about timing of site visits and if members want to attend. Mrs. Black offered to adjust her schedule and will give more advance notice to members of site visit schedule.

At approximately 9:30pm, MOTION by Mr. Potaski to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion carried 5-0-0.

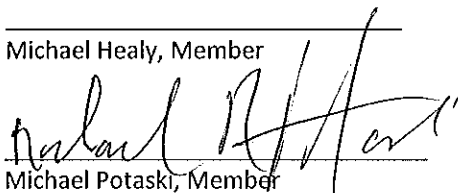
Respectfully submitted,  
Beth A Pitman  
Temporary Conservation Assistant

  
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