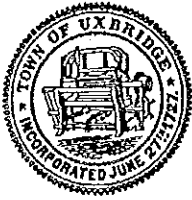
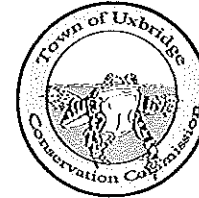


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Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 5, 2014
Lower Town Hall, Uxbridge Town Hall

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 Administrator Kristin Black.

Absent: Members Mike Potaski and Tracy Tibedo.

It being approximately 6:46 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, 140 Sutton St. (Map 11, Parcel 2097)
Applicant: Marc Pitts Representative: Heritage Design Group
Project Description: Extension and expansion of a driveway to serve 2 additional single family homes within the 100' buffer to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW).
 - o Discussion: Eric Bazzett of Heritage Design Group, representing the Applicant, addressed two (2) outstanding issues from the previous meeting - rip rap swale along driveway near wetlands and debris in the wetlands near cul de sac. Mr. Bazzett stated the updated plans address the swale issue. The Chair commented that they observed that the debris had been removed from the cul de sac during their site visit.
 - o MOTION: I, Mr. Hogan, move to close the Public Hearing for MA-DEP 312-968. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion passed unanimously.
 - o MOTION: I, Mr. Hogan. Move that the Commission issue a Standard Order of Conditions for MA-DEP 312-968. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion passed unanimously.

2. 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.
 - o Discussion: No new updates. The Chair commented that the DEP has their eye on this project, and would move it off of Active Wetland Cases. Mr. Hogan commented that this project should remain on the agenda so it stays on their radar and as a matter of public notice.
 - o MOTION: I, Mr. Hogan, move that the Commission continue the Public Hearing for the NOI for 79 River Road to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion passed unanimously.

WETLANDS UPDATES/ISSUES

1. 0 Old Elmdale Rd, Update on appeal of Superseding Determination of Applicability
 - o Mrs. Black reminded the Commission that she is serving as a witness for the DEP; DEP counsel may be removed; project may be delayed; determination may be August or even further out.
2. Reported Violation: 170 Hecla Street
 - o Mrs. Black commented received several calls from abutters; previous site visit was three (3) weeks ago with Mr. Hogan and met Owner Gary Vecchione onsite; existing OOC 312-938; noted some erosion control in disrepair; most recent visit was the week before with DPW Director Benn Sherman; complaints of increased new truck activity; received request from owner for proposed irrigation pond and need to file. Discussion continued on shared site visit photos; reviewed plan, including existing and proposed grade lines; site has previous violations and Enforcement Orders; gravel access path;

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seeking restoration plan for within 100' of riverfront; reviewed drafted Enforcement Order (on file in Conservation office); read Cease & Desist issued by Town that day for all earth removal activities (on file in Conservation office); soil stock piling; site visit to DEP; existing and new wetland flagging; erosion control methods and barriers; potential revocation of Order of Conditions, and that process; current MLS listing for property; appearance before Commission to discuss as-built plans of current alteration areas; setting deadlines for actions. Chair asked for public comment. Abutter Alexa Romasco, 50 Elizabeth Street, stated concern that Commission remain vigilant of this project; looks like gravel pit in the morning including trucks lined up to be filled, resurfaced to cover activity in the evening; hopes the Commission will do the right thing.

- **MOTION: I, Mr. Hogan, move that the Commission issue the Enforcement Order as amended for MA DEP 312-938 for 170 Hecla Street. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion passed unanimously.**

PROCESSING

1. Site Visit Update
 - Mrs. Black will do site visit to 221 Mill Street; leave letter of concern, if appropriate.
2. Documents to be Considered for Signature: Meeting Minutes 18MAR2014
 - Mrs. Black was not able to complete.

CONSERVATION LAND

1. Pout Pond
 - Updates on Weed Abatement Project:
 - Discussion: Rachel Frazier of Pout Pond Advisory Committee stated work on weed abatement project. Mrs. Black shared draft NOI to be submitted by Commission, open to comment/change from Commission; Chair will be signing as Applicant; tentatively scheduled abutter notification.
 - **MOTION: I, Mr. Hogan, move that the Commission approve the expenditure of \$500.00 to fund the weed abatement process. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried unanimously.**
 - Job Postings for Summer Positions
 - Discussion: Ms. Frazier stated that job postings have been submitted to Town Manager David Genereux; posting on Town website, several locations throughout Town, and on Craigslist; leverage volunteers to be at site when opening and closing. Mrs. Black stated two (2) positions have been posted; differing rates; start date of May 30; Town Manager involvement in interview process.
 - Proposal to host Community Yoga on Sunday afternoons at the pond. No expenditure necessary, just FYI.
 - Discussion: Ms. Frazier shared that yoga will be hosted by local teachers; in mornings, not afternoons as first thought; donations suggested to then be given to charitable organization in the community.
 - Synopsis of the Fishing Derby, if anyone is interested
 - Discussion: Ms. Frazier summarized success of fishing derby.
 - Request for Funds
 - Request to use up to \$500 to host Arts & Crafts for the 2014 season at Pout for the benefit of the community
 - Discussion: Ms. Frazier shared desire to continue Arts & Crafts; received Cultural Council funding in previous year; monies to come from Donation Fund.
 - **MOTION: I, Mr. Hogan, move that the Commission approve the expenditure of up to \$500.00 from the Donation Fund for Arts & Crafts for the 2014 season at Pout Pond. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried unanimously.**
 - Request to use up to \$200 Season Passes for the 2014 season
 - Discussion: Ms. Frazier noted that same vendor will be used; ordering a smaller quantity this year. Mrs. Black commented that Collectors Office has agreed to sell them in Town Hall.
 - **MOTION: I, Mr. Hogan, move that the Commission approve the expenditure of up to \$200.00 from the Parking Fund for Season Passes for the 2014 season at Pout Pond. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried unanimously.**

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- Request for \$100 from the Parking fund to put together a float for the Memorial Day parade.
 - Discussion: Ms. Frazier noted this is a similar request from previous years to create a float for Memorial Day parade.
 - MOTION: I, Mr. Hogan, move that the Commission approve expenditure of up to \$100.00 from Donation Fund to be used for a Memorial Day Parade Float. Seconded by Mr. Shaw, the motion carried unanimously.
- 2. Schedule annual walk of Conservation Land in town
 - o The Chair stated that there is Conservation Land the Commission is responsible for managing; walking lines, checking fences; length of walks vary, as well as participation by Commission; Bangma Farm needs to be walked. Mrs. Black shared older list of potential properties as starting point. The Chair suggested putting this online to share; Mrs. Black will work on that.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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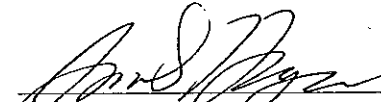

1. Letter regarding 685 Chocolog Road: Mrs. Black shared document with Commission, Town has first right of refusal to purchase; parcel approximately four (4) acres; four (4) month response time. Letter on file in Conservation office.

At approximately 8:19pm, MOTION by Mr. Shaw to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hogan, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth A Pitman
Planning/Zoning/Conservation Assistant



Russell Holden, Chairman


Jim Hogan, Treasurer
Jeffrey Shaw, Clerk

Michael Healy, Member

absent
Michael Potaski, Member

absent
Tracy Tibedo, Member

6 October 14
Date